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SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

THE WRECKED ASIA.

BURNT TO WATER EDGE AND LOOTED.

[THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT]

Shanghai, April 28, 10.35 p.m.

The latest information is to the effect that the wrecked s.s. Asia has been burned to the water edge.

This is probably the act of fishermen, who had looted almost everything they could carry away.

Shortly before midnight, on Sunday night was received here that the P.M.S. Asia, bound for Hongkong to Shanghai, had met with an accident at Finger Rock, near to the Tschow Islands and about 200 miles from Shanghai, says the "N.C.D. News." The first intimation received by the agent, Mr. R. C. Morton, was through the courtesy of the Consul-General for Japan, who stated that a message had been received to the effect that Taijoh had received a wireless telegram that the P.M.S. Asia, bound from Hongkong to Shanghai, had met with an accident at Finger Rock. A later message through the same source read that: The Asia seems to be unable to wire. America Maru wired to Asia that she was going to the rescue and received in reply "04." There was no further answer. Yesterday afternoon the U.S. gunboat Helena left Shanghai to proceed to the scene of the accident, and at a later hour, the Kochien Transportation Co. steamer Shunfung, which had been requisitioned at an early hour by Mr. Morton, left Shanghai fully equipped. The position of the Asia is said to be about Long, 121° 54' E., Lat. 28° 34' N.

The T.K.K.S. America Maru left Shanghai for Hongkong on Saturday night and, from the time that the wireless messages were received, it is supposed that she must have passed the scene of the accident before receiving the call for assistance, but would then put back and stand by to render assistance.

THE PRIZE RING.

WOLGAST WINS.

[THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT]

London, April 27, 10 p.m.

Ad. Wolgast managed to beat Hogan in two rounds.

[Wolgast, who is short in stature and reach, is best at close quarters. He is a hard fighter. He was the amateur champion.]

It is amusing to read the American papers re Wolgast. The latter met 'knock-out' Brown at the New York, N.S.C. on 1st March. Brown is described as 'a little cock-eyed Dutchman, who never claimed any pretensions to being anything but a rough and ready fighter without any foolish championship notions,' yet he handed out a terrible licking to the 'alleged light weight champion.' In the second round Brown 'almost put the kibosh on the champion. Anyhow Brown beat Wolgast badly; he also later defeated one-round Hogan, yet neither of these pugilists would consent to meet Moran.—"The Asian."

SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

INCENDIARISM AT CANTON.

VICEROY'S YAMEN FIRED.

[THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT]

Canton, April 28, 7.30 a.m.

The Yamen of the Viceroy of Canton was fired last night at 7 p.m.

Fortunately the Viceroy was saved from the consequences of the conflagration.

The guards opened fire on the incendiaries, and several of the would-be assassins were killed.

A number have been arrested.

The fire was got under control after burning for about an hour.

The city gates have been closed, but the people are quiet.

MARTIAL LAW PRO- CLAIMED.

RIVER BOATS BEING SEARCHED AND DETAINED.

[THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT]

Canton, April 28, 11.15 a.m.

Martial law has been proclaimed in Canton.

The Viceroy is taking the most stringent measures to put down the revolution.

The river boats are being detained and searched carefully for arms which it is known the rebels have.

The trains have stopped running.

The rioting outside the Viceroy's Yamen was of a serious character, and the foreign buildings of the Yamen have been burnt.

FINANCIAL NEWS.

SHANGHAI SHARES.

Shanghai, April 24: Mactchappi, etc. in Langkat, Ld. Tls. 100 cash. Shanghai and Hongkow Wharf Co., Ld. Tls. 85 cash. Cheng Rubber Tls. 3 1/2 cash. Consolidated Rubber Tls. 4 cash. Anglo-Java Estates, Ld. Tls. 6 1/2 cash. Shanghai Ice C. S. & H. Co., Ld. Tls. 121 2 cash. Shanghai Gas Co., Ld. Tls. 105 cash, and 6 per cent. debentures 1900 at Tls. 104 cash. Shanghai Mutual Telephone Tls. 65 cash.

One of the largest audiences of Chinese young men ever gathered in Shanghai crowded the Martyrs' Memorial Hall on Saturday night to hear Mr. Sherwood Eddy give the first of his services of addresses on "National Ideals."

CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

ADMIRAL LEADS THE TROOPS.

FIERCE FIGHT IN FRONT OF YAMEN.

[SHAT PO SERVICE]

Canton, April 28, 9 a.m.

At seven o'clock last night revolutionaries, armed with rifles and bombs, gathered in force and marched upon the Viceroy's Yamen.

News of the threatened attack preceded them, and Admiral Li gathered together his troops and prepared to meet the attack. He told them in person.

A fierce little fight ensued.

The Admiral and his men fought determinedly and eventually succeeded in driving off the revolutionaries, but not before they had suffered some loss. Several Viceregal braves were killed and wounded, but the attackers suffered much more heavily, many of them being killed.

The other Yemens and public offices were not molested, but the telegraphic office was closed to all but official messages.

The steamer from Hongkong are being rigorously searched for arms.

The rioters wore a white band on their heads, when they set fire to the Viceroy's Yamen.

Steamers Stopped.

[SHAT PO SERVICE]

Canton, April 28, 12 p.m.

For forty-eight hours the running of steamers between Hongkong and Canton has been suspended.

RUMOURED NATIVE RISING.

ALLEGED MUTINY OF CAN- TON RECRUITS.

A SERIOUS POSITION.

RECRUITS ARMS RENDERED USELESS BY OFFICIAL ORDER.

[THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT]

Canton, April 27.

Ever since the assassination of the late Tartar General, a rumour has been afloat that a native rising will soon break out, coupled with the mutiny of the Canton recruits who are alleged to have entertained feelings of discontent. Of course this unusual and alarming report has given anxiety to the people here. As I have already

reported, the able and energetic Viceroy has taken every precaution.

This morning a number of launches were seen on the river carrying many regiments of braves who have been sent to Canton from various districts to watch any sign of trouble. The trouble between the revolutionaries and the police early last year taught the officials a lesson to keep all those troublesome recruits in restraint, and hope is entertained that nothing will happen.

From other sources we learn rumour is current that the newly trained soldiers are in league with revolutionaries and that to-morrow the city will be seized.

The army officers acting on these rumours have taken precautionary measures and have ordered that all rifles in the hands of troops should be relieved of certain parts of their mechanism in order they may be rendered useless.

This action will greatly minimise the danger from the rebellious soldiers, if the rumour should prove correct, and they will have no arms with which to fight.

The wife of the late Tartar General is the younger sister of Shoung Chi Hang, Provincial Treasurer of Fukien, who is extremely grieved at the death of his brother-in-law, and sorry for his sister in her sad bereavement.

Owing to the rise of the anarchical element in Canton, the Provincial Treasurer considers it unsafe for his unhappy sister to remain in the place. He has accordingly sent his eldest son to Canton to conduct the wife of the late Tartar General to Fukien.

Local Opinion.

Speculation is rife in the Colony as to the meaning of the Canton outbreak. The warning against ships being sent to Canton has naturally caused a good deal of excitement, and the question is being asked: Is it the revolution come at last?

The affair is regarded as serious by both foreigners and Chinese.

The fight in front of the Yamen, in which the admiral in person led the garrison, has caused a stir, and little doubt exists that the outbreak is one that calls for the most determined handling.

It is many years since rioters or revolutionaries dared deliberately to engage the officials in armed conflict.

Hongkong Native Boarding Houses Crowded.

The threatened rising in Canton has caused an extremely large number of women and children to seek refuge in British territory, and during the last ten days arrivals in Hongkong have been numerous. The native boarding houses are crowded.

All Shipping Stopped.

A representative of the "Hongkong Telegraph" interviewed Commander Beckwith, R.N., on the matter, and was informed that at 10.20 this morning, instructions were given by His Excellency the Governor to stop all shipping proceeding to Canton.

All vessels and junks have therefore been refused clearance to Canton for twenty-four hours.

WILMINGTON UNDER ORDERS.

COOK'S TOURISTS HELD UP.

TWENTY VISITORS MAROONED AT CANTON.

[THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT]

Canton, April 27.

A large party of Cook's tourists went to Canton yesterday. They are now "held up" there owing to the outbreak.

The tourists for at least forty-eight hours, according to our telegrams, must remain in the City of Canton, and while we do not anticipate any real danger for them, nevertheless we hope the authorities will not neglect

the interests. A mob in Canton when it is inflamed is a very dangerous thing.

The U.S.S. Wilmington is now under orders for Canton. She sails to-morrow, but should anything serious transpire in the meantime will leave at once.

The American Consulate General here has received messages from the Consul General at Canton, which state that the people are quiet and that he does not anticipate any danger.

We learn from a Hankow message to the "Jiji" that the Customs authorities have asked to make a search for such articles. A telegram says that a large number of revolutionaries have arrived there with up-to-date weapons for the purpose of raising a rebellion. The officials are much alarmed.

MANCHU STREET ATTACKED.

RISING TOOK PLACE TWENTY-FOUR HOURS TOO SOON.

MAILS STOPPED FROM HONGKONG.

The revolutionary rising at Canton took place twenty-four hours too soon.

It was timed for to-morrow, and a large number of supporters of the movement were leaving Hongkong and surrounding districts to take part. Each man was to wear a white band across his forehead, and had been provided with a small sum of money.

The Yamen was to be the centre of attack, but it would appear that the concerted movement has been spoiled, happily, by the sudden action of the comparatively small body who fired the Yamen.

Nevertheless, the rising is serious. Manchu Street, Canton, has been fiercely attacked by the rioters, or revolutionaries, and a great deal of damage has been done. In this street live the smaller Manchu officials, the yamen runners, and minor hangers-on.

The General Post Office here has been notified by the Canton-Macau Steamship Company that no boats will leave for the Shummen at least to-day. No mails therefore are going to Canton. The telegraph also is congested.

A representative of the "Telegraph," in conversation with a local European official, learned that the rising is regarded with a good deal of trepidation by those in authority. "But," said he, "if this outbreak is scotched China will have peace for several years to come."

"The revolutionists" he continued, "are determined, but they lack arms and ammunition. Had they attacked the arsenal first and succeeded in obtaining the needed supplies, the "Fiery Cross" would have spread throughout the Southern Provinces of China and then to the North, and the Taiping rebellion, but on a larger scale, would be reproduced.

"There is no doubt that the rising is a determined attempt upon the power of the Manchu, and it will need very strong measures indeed to prevent it being the signal for a general insurrection.

"I do not think that Europeans are in any danger. The revolutionaries are wise enough and sufficiently well led to know that the slightest interference with foreigners will bring to the aid of their enemies, the Manchus, the forces of the Powers. If assaults are made on Europeans they will be the work of common rioters.

"It is impossible to say how well or badly armed are the main forces of the Ka Ming Tang. The premature outbreak leaves us in the dark. It remains to be seen whether those in supreme command will judge the moment propitious or not. Strong measures by the Viceroy will kill this rebellion. If not taken the country will be astame."

The Revolutionary Party.

The Viceroy of Yunnan has wired to the Shanghai and Kiangnan Taotai to the effect that just as the British troops are with

drawing from Yunnan rumours are being circulated throughout his province that Sun Wen has ordered some of his followers to join the British forces and the people are in a state of great alarm.

He has heard that two members of the Revolutionary Party, a Cantonese by the name of Pang Chu-sheng and an Anhui man called Hung Chang-chuan, have secretly entered Shanghai and Kiangnan for the purpose of buying bombs and sulphur to be sent to Yunnan to blow up the Modern Army.

He therefore requests that the Customs authorities be asked to make a search for such articles.

A telegram says that a large number of revolutionaries have arrived there with up-to-date weapons for the purpose of raising a rebellion. The officials are much alarmed.

JAPAN'S CAMPAIGN AGAINST SOCIALISM.

An estimate for the appointment of additional police-inspectors having been approved by the Diet in the last session, three to five such officers are to be appointed to each prefecture.

Their duty is to see that "dangerous" social ideas among the people are suppressed.

We learn from the "Jiji" that it having been found difficult to find candidates with the special knowledge required for the office, the new inspectors are first to receive a course of instruction in sociology before being distributed among the local governments.

STREET MENDING.

"SLOW AND SURE" THE MOTTO OF LOCAL WORKMEN.

The misterly inactivity of the workmen now engaged in laying the Ice House Lane is the subject of much comment in the Colony.

Wooden blocks are being laid down, and to the uninitiated the work appears to progress at the rate of one block per hour. It has not been hastened by the washing out by the recent heavy rain of much of the work accomplished.

The re-blocking of this extremely busy but inadequate thoroughfare is causing much annoyance to many hard-working commercial men of the Colony, and we suggest that the contractor be spurred to more active efforts by these in authority.

"Slow and sure" may be a good motto, but in the case of Ice House Lane the "slowness" is apparent, while the "sureness" is, if one may judge by the effect of the recent rains, conspicuous by its absence.

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LATEST MAIL NEWS.

The newspapers publish favourable notices of Mr. Laddon Chambers's new comedy, "Passors By," which is being played at Wyndham's Theatre.

The Kent Colonising Association reports that 50 young emigrants have been despatched overseas by the association during the last six years.

The Australian artists in London will entertain the Commonwealth delegates at the Imperial Institute on May 30.

Mr. E. Abinger, on behalf of Stinie Morrison, has applied for a certificate enabling him to appeal to the House of Lords against the conviction of Morrison for the Clapham-common murder. The Attorney-General has reserved his decision.

Mr. A. P. Illingworth, the Liberal Whip, has been ordered to pay £50 damages in connection with the alteration of a Unionist poster at Shiley, depicting poverty and misery. The title of the poster, "Free Trade," was altered to "Tariff Reform."

The cable which has been laid between Endon, Tonosso, Monrovia (the capital of Liberia and Brazil) has been opened.

The Novovia Bill was read third time in the House of Commons on March 30.

Robert Horbert Measures, formerly managing director of Mowbray Brothers, iron and steel merchants, London, a firm which was compulsorily liquidated, was brought before a Police Court March 30th on a charge of falsifying a balance-sheet, and was remanded on bail.

Mr. W. L. Baillieu, M.L.C. (Victorian Commissioner of Public Works), has been interviewed on the question of the progress made by the Commonwealth, and the inducements now offering in Australia to immigrants.

A telegram from Berno states that the Loozschberg tunnel has been successfully pierced.

Sir L. S. Jameson (leader of the Union Opposition) has had a slight relapse, and his departure for England has been deferred.

The Legislative Assembly again voted an amendment to the Post-office Bill limiting the carriage of mails to British vessels. It was intimated during the debate that the Imperial Post-office adhered to its attitude of 1899 objecting to the restriction.

Matthew Edward Bywoll, the abounding cashier of the Empress Hotel, Victoria, B.C., has been traced to New Orleans, where he was discovered as assistant-superintendent of the Y.M.C.A. He is prominently connected in England.

Miss Ewart, of Ewhurst, Surrey, has bequeathed £20,000 to the founding of scholarships for necessitous girls at Nownham, and £10,000 to the Somerville College, Oxford.

Mr. H. D. Broadhead has secured an exhibition in classics at Trinity College, Cambridge, and Mr. N. M. Bell's exhibition has been prolonged. Both are from Christchurch, New Zealand.

Mr. Roland Vernon, of the Colonial Office, will accompany Lord Denman (the Governor-General designate) to Australia.

An exhibition is being arranged at South Kensington of all the animals, plants, minerals, and precious stones mentioned in the Bible.

The few remaining Boer irreconcilables who still refuse to take the oath of allegiance to King George are to be allowed to return to South Africa.

The trial of the English group in connection with the Alaskan coal lands frauds has been opened. Counsel for the defence, at the outset, asked for a verdict of not guilty, on the ground that the indictment did not charge the defendants with any crime.

The inquiry into the loss of the coasting steamer Sachet, which was recently lost off Vancouver, with all hands (13), has disclosed the fact that the vessel was not seaworthy. A witness asserted that the steamer was not fit to weather a severe gale.

A tornado has destroyed the settlement of Gainesville, in Alabama. No lives were lost, but crops were ruined and houses levelled for miles in the track of the storm, while about a hundred farm houses were wrecked.

The "Daily Mail" declares that if France was involved in war she could place 300 aeroplanes in the field, while Great Britain has but 10.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin states that the announcement of the visit of Australian and New Zealand Premiers to the city has aroused great public gratification. He is inviting a public subscription for their reception.

An association is being formed to prevent the circulation of do-basing and demoralising fiction. The movement is being supported by leading educationalists throughout the United Kingdom.

A departmental committee recommends the establishment of a receiving house for the inspection of alien immigrants at Tilbury, a reasonable toll per head being charged to recoup the expenses.

A cable message from Buenos Ayres stated that one of the Customs-house, which was filled with merchandise, had been burned. The damage was estimated at £25,000.

It was announced recently that the United States had arranged to hold naval manoeuvres on the Great Lakes during the coming summer. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, invited to declare that such action was a breach of the treaty with Britain, agreed to make representations to Washington.

The United States Government has replied that the naval exercises will be merely confined to the existing Lake Fleet, and there will be no war manoeuvres.

THE SELF-GOVERNMENT SOCIETY.

AGGRESSION OF FOREIGN NATIONS.

The President of the U.S. High Educational Union has paid Canton a visit, and is staying with the American Consul on the Shamoon. The members of the Canton Self-Government Society have sent the distinguished visitor an invitation to a reception to be held in his honour at their hall to-morrow.

The guest will deliver a lecture on the critical state of China, the aggression of foreign nations, and the policy to be adopted in saving her from ruin.

LAWN TENNIS.

Further games of tennis were played on the Cricket Club ground in connection with the tournament, and resulted as follows:

Event "A" Championship.

Capt. Brierley beat Capt. Addison, 6-1 : 6-4 : 6-3.

S. E. Green beat P. H. Klimanek, 6-2 : 6-3 : 6-2.

Event "B" Single Handicap "A" Class.

E. R. Hallifax (owes 30) beat A. C. E. Elborough (owes 15) 6-4 : 7-5.

H. Hancock (owes 30) beat A. N. J. Joseland (owes 15) 6-3 : 6-2.

Doubles Handicap "A" Class.

K. and H. Hancock (owes 40)

beat H. Humphreys and P. H. Klimanek (owes 30) 6-4 : 6-2.

Event "B" Double Handicap "B" Class.

Lieut. Attwood and Liout. An-

nahoin (owe 15) beat A. P. H. Ronquette and G. A. Cooke (owe 15) 7-5 : 6-4 : 5-7 : 6-3.

Thus winning this event.

RACQUETS.

Event "C" Double Handicap.

Lt. C. R. T. Thorp and Capt. H. K. Hughes (rec. 7) beat Lt. F. W. Glad and Lt. C. T. H. White (rec. 9) 48-27.

CANTON NEWS.

(The "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT.)

Canton, April 27,

The Board of Foreign Affairs has, in view of the secret import

and sale of salt from foreign countries by dishonest merchants, considered it expedient to take steps against this malpractice which has the effect of diminishing the consumption of Chinese salt.

The Board has consulted on the matter with the various foreign ministers at Peking and has signed a treaty between China and the foreign countries against the import and sale of foreign salt.

Some time ago the steam launch King Ying, flying the French flag, came into collision with the Chinese launch Wing Tak. H. E. the Canton Viceroy instructed the Customs Commissioner at Kowloon to hold a marine enquiry into the cause of the collision.

After hearing the evidence the Customs Commissioner gave his decision in favour of the Chinese launch Wing Tak, and the launch flying the French flag has been ordered to pay Wing Tak launch \$1000 in respect of damages.

No money has yet been paid.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

WHAT THEY THINK.

China Mail.

WIRELESS FACILITIES.

We do not pose as experts on the technical aspect of wireless telegraphy but we understand that certain "wave lengths" are invariably used by Naval authorities, and that others, quite distinctive thereto, are worked by mercantile vessels, so that a message despatched by an ordinary liner would stand a very good chance of never being picked up by a cruiser at all.

The position, therefore, is much less satisfactory than it would seem at first sight; certainly, far too much is left to chance. We contend that if it is desirable for specified times to be allotted respectively to the Navy and to mercantile shipping, the privileges should be far more evenly divided than they are at present. No one will dispute the desirability, or even the right, of preference being given to the Navy in time of war, but when peace prevails it surely is not too much to ask that if any preference is to be shown it shall be voted to Commerce. Of course, it may be necessary that Naval operators need to keep fairly constantly at work in order that they may reach that standard of perfection which would be absolutely needed in time of war. If that is so, and a good case can be made out along those lines, then perhaps the preference might still be retained by the Navy. Be that as it may, no one can seriously contend but that the present balance of advantage badly needs some adjustment in favour of Commerce, and it is to be hoped that the shipping firms will strike while the iron is hot and secure a more liberal acknowledgment of their rights in this matter.

Daily Press.

VEHICULAR REGULATIONS.

Vehicular traffic, as the term is understood at Home, is practically unknown. True, the coming of the train-car gave a beginning to vehicular traffic, and it may indeed be said that had it not been for the electric car teaching the native that present day conditions demand that the roads should permit of new forms of locomotion, the motor car would have been impossible in Hongkong. But it has come, and it has come to stay.

Notwithstanding the limited area in which motors may travel, the number of such vehicles is likely to increase, and that being so, the necessity for ensuring that they shall not become a danger to the community is manifest. The Chinese have to accustom themselves to the altered street conditions which follow the introduction of vehicular traffic. They have to learn that the streets have dangers for the unwary which did not exist before. The caution which makes a man look before he steps off the pavement to cross the road has yet to be acquired. But, while the public have to be inculcated with new ideas as to their conduct in the streets, it has to be realised also that our thoroughfares do not lend themselves to motor traffic as do those at Home, and motorists must bow to the inevitable as expressed in the regulations which the authorities have formed for such traffic.

The regulations are by no means stringent, and it seems to us that the authorities have dealt with the subject in a spirit of great moderation. The hill districts of Victoria generally may not be used by such vehicles. This seems to be as much in the interest of the motorists themselves as in the interests of the public. Battery Path, which was the scene of a recent accident, and many narrow escapes, is now included in the prohibited area.

South China Morning Post.

STREET TRAFFIC.

By the "Gazette" Extraordinary which was issued on Wednesday night the Government have paid attention, at last, to the many complaints which the public have made from time to time, in regard to street traffic. Street traffic in the Colony possesses a peculiar character and, until quite lately, has been made up of chairs and rickshaws, with an occasional wagon or cart belonging to some Government Department. During the past few weeks, however, there has been an addition to

the class of traffic usually to be met with in the streets—in the shape of motor cars and motor cycles which, in view of the complete unsuitability of the streets of the Colony for rapidly propelled vehicles, has elicited almost universal condemnation. Public opinion has been stirred, perhaps more than otherwise would have been the case by the series of accidents—some of them having a fatal termination—that have resulted from the criminally reckless manner in which the cars have been driven through the streets of Hongkong, and also, through those of Kowloon; and, accordingly, the inclusion in the recent "Gazette" of a special series of regulations dealing with motor traffic is very welcome.

INDIAN NEWS.

Madras, April 1.—Lt.-Colonel O. M. Thompson I. M. S., retired to-day from the post of Senior Medical Officer, General Hospital and Principal, Madras Medical College. Lt.-Col. C. M. Thompson arrived in India in 1890 and held various positions. On Lt.-Col. Browning's retirement in 1901, Colonel Thompson returned to Madras from Secunderabad and has done good work here.

Lucknow, April 4. Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Porter's second tenure of Government House has commenced under the happiest auspices, for their first social function was the marriage, which took place at Christ Church, April 3rd of Mrs. Porter's nephew, Mr. E. A. Smythies, Assistant Conservator of Forests, with Miss Olive Muriel Cripps, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Percy Cripps of Windford Manor, Somersett. There was a large gathering of Lucknow Society at the reception held subsequently at Government House, after which the happy pair left for Naini Tal. His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Porter left by special train for Benares on April 3rd.

Karachi, April 5.—The plague is increasing here. Yesterday's returns record 45 cases and 38 deaths, the total mortality from all causes being 57. A European boy, the son of Mr. Bendall, engineer of a flour mill, died of plague yesterday.

Lucknow, April 6.—Rev. G. C. Macpherson, Chaplain, Church of Scotland, presiding at Lucknow at a meeting of the Ex-soldiers' Benefit Society, said that while much was being done by Government and private agencies for Indians perhaps not too much was being done for Europeans domiciled in India. If time-expired soldiers were allowed to take their discharges and settle down in India, these men had a right to be assured of Government's interest in them. Mr. J. N. Taylor, Joint-Secretary of the Society, had communicated with the Viceroy and the Commander-in-Chief, who replied that while they were in full sympathy with the movement they could not see their way at the outset to give their patronage. Col. Lean, General Staff Officer, who was present said that before the Society could officially encourage it must show that it was working on the right lines. He wished the Society every success.

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Hongkong, 21st April, 1911. [1063]

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Hongkong, Friday, April 28, 1911.

INDIA AND THE EAST.

For some time past little or no news, which in this case we may take to be good news, has come to us from India, that is, no news of a sensational character. An attempt or two, unhappily successful and fatal has been made to derail trains, but the country in comparison with what has gone before is quiet. The India Government's really admirable policy is responsible for this. It was firm and when occasion demanded rigorous, and it had the desired effect, despite the sentimental ravings of a certain class at home, who would have had us believe an incipient anarchical revolution with kid gloves. The danger, we think, is not over, and the Hugo nation, the "brightest gem in the British Crown," is once more on the real path to progress. The leading men of India of all castes know right well that independence, for a united India, is a vain dream, and that it would only mean the splitting up of the country into a hundred,

The situation, of course, has a direct bearing on Hongkong. We have before assisted in the capacity of looker-on at a struggle between rival Chinese forces. This was when the Taipings and the Imperialists fought fiercely at Kowloon and took and re-took Kowloon city. Eventually their war fleet were expelled the Harbour by this government. We do not want a similar experience now. There is also a word of warning to be given to the Chinese residents of the Colony. They have mooted the idea of holding a huge procession in honour of King George V.

two hundred, three hundred warring states. "United we stand, divided we fall," and India cannot be united except under a stranger power, her people are of too many different castes and even nations, most of whom hate each other. The days of the Great Mogul might come again, but they would come in a welter of blood that would drench India from Cashmere to Calcutta. This the Indians themselves recognise and hence loyalty is being steadily suggested to the country at large as the best policy.

India is a source, if loyal, of well nigh immeasurable strength to the British Empire. She is capable of making our seat in the North of India and Nepal sufficient and fit, under good leadership, "to shake the artificial society of Europe to its foundations, if once it dares to tamper with that militarism which now alone supplies it with any higher ideal, than money and the luxuriant money can buy." We know what the Indian soldier is, and with a loyal India at our doors the future of the East can hold no unpleasant surprises for us. We do not mean Hongkong alone, but Australia as well, and our great Colony has in a loyal India a splendid guarantee against the danger which she firmly believes threatens her.

ANOTHER CANTON OUTRAGE.

It would be foolish to disassociate the attack on the Viceroyal Yuan at Canton from the dastardly murder of the Tartar General, and we fear we must credit or discredit the Ku Ming Tang, the "Revolutionists by the Grace of God," with this latest outrage. We need scarcely emphasize the serious nature of the situation. Were the attack merely the work of irresponsible incendiaries the British Consul General would not, as he is reported to have done, warned Hongkong against sending steamers to the Shantou. Undoubtedly the City of Rams is thickly impregnated with dangerous revolutionaries, who will stop at little to gain their ends. We may congratulate ourselves on having so strong a Viceroy in power, and we earnestly trust that His Excellency will escape further outrage at the hands of his enemies. His troops evidently have stood by him in this case and have not been guilty of the deplorable cowardice which disgraced the unfortunate Tartar General's escort. We would feel easier in our minds, however, were the troops of the southern command replaced by men of the Peiyang army. It is an excellent policy to garrison a disaffected district with troops of a different nationality or caste, beside which the Northern troops are the finest in the Empire. However, the Viceroy is a capable and spirited ruler and will use his power well and well.

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on Coronation Day. We think they would be well advised to abandon the project. It would in the first place attract thousands of people from Canton, and we may be sure that a large proportion of them would be of evil character. There is also the question of plague to be considered. It is extremely prevalent at Canton at the moment, and we cannot afford to run the risk of having infection carried to us. For the present, at least, it is as well that Canton should be "put in Coventry" by Hongkong and that we should have as little to do with it as is feasible. It is useless expressing regret again, for the troubles that beset China. We have done so often enough, and we can now, while hoping for a speedy end to these disturbances, only take such precautions as will protect us against their possible effects.

HONGKONG DAY BY DAY.

The Delta went out this morning with the Bandman Opera Company on board. Their destination is Shanghai.

Mr. Muir, manager of Sprungli and Co., Manila (and the Swiss Consul in the Philippines) is in Hongkong. He proceeds to Europe for a holiday.

By the N.D.L. Australian boat next, Mr. J. W. Monzi, of Mosby, Behn, Meyer and Co., Ltd., Manila, arrives here. He leaves on the Bulow for home.

We are in receipt of advices from Shanghai that the only female passenger on board the S.S. Asia is quite safe at Shanghai, and was only slightly hurt.

Major-General C. A. Anderson, C.B., left here for Wuhan Sunday night on board the C.M.S. Kiang-kwan. He will return to Shanghai at the close of the week, en route for Hongkong.

"China awake and at work" is very vividly described by Clarence Poe, in the "American Review of Review," who announces that within eighteen months China will have a Parliament or a revolution. He urges all American teachers, ministers and writers to help in supplying the moral guidance needed.

The General Electric Company of China has been registered with a capital of £21,000 in 20,000 preference shares of £1 each and 20,000 ordinary shares of 1s. each. To secure the sole representation and agency in the Empire of China and Hongkong of the General Electric Company, Limited of 67, Queen Victoria-street, E.C.

In connection with the Institution of Engineers and Ship-builders of Hongkong, Mr. F. Pernant will give demonstrations of the "Oxy-Acetylene process of welding" at his workshop on Saturday. On Monday evening he will read a paper on the above process, and answer any questions that may be put to him. A discussion will follow.

Shortly after midnight this morning, P.C. John O'Kille was the victim of a sad accident. It appears that the unfortunate policeman was travelling on board a tram-car and, to the best of his recollection, he fell into a fainting fit through some cause or other. Soon after the unfortunate occurrence, he was placed on a stretcher and removed in a serious condition to the Government Civil Hospital, where he is now receiving every medical attention. The victim's forehead is badly injured.

FRANCE AND MOROCCO.

STRONG ACTION DEMANDED.

London, April 22nd.—Public opinion in France demands a strong action on the part of the Government. The "Temps" says that the Government must tell foreign Powers boldly what it means to do with regard to the unrest in Morocco. France must accept the responsibilities of a great Power, and must not inflict upon herself the shame of leaving the heroes representing her at Fez to be massacred. "N. O. D. News."

**THE CHINESE BOYCOTT
AGAINST JAPANESE STEAMERS.**

LIMITED TO THE AUSTRALIAN TRADE.

Referring to articles which have appeared in Australian papers, stating that the Chinese boycott of the Japanese steamers had now terminated, that several passengers had booked at Hongkong for Australia, and that a large quantity of Chinese cargo was also coming, Colonel Burns, of Sydney, in an interview said:

"This would clearly indicate that as far as Hongkong is concerned the boycott had terminated. According to later advice, however, it appears that the Chinese merchants in Sydney have not yet been made acquainted with the fact that practically any boycott as against the Japanese by Chinese traders had ceased to exist.

Further advice received show clearly that as far as inter-communication between China and Japan is concerned the Nippon Yusen Kaisha and other Japanese companies are getting a large share of the Chinese patronage both as regards passengers and cargo also there seems to be no embargo upon either Chinese passengers or cargo travelling by Japanese steamers to any part of the world excepting Australia.

"Information has just been received that no less than 110 passengers and upwards of 100 tons of cargo had been shipped by the Imabari Maru, Japanese steamer, sailing from Hongkong for America, and it is a well-known fact that to all places except to Australia there appears to be perfect freedom as far as Chinese traders and others are concerned as to shipping by Japanese steamers. The Nippon Yusen Kaisha recently cabled asking whether there was any reason or any anterior action in Sydney or Australia which was regarding the Chinese here from following the usage of Chinese in Hongkong and other parts of the world.

"The Japanese authorities seem to be desirous that anything in the shape of a boycott, even nominally, should be removed, as there is no pretext for maintaining any strained relationship between the two countries. It would seem somewhat strange that it is apparently in Sydney that the boycott is now contred, having disappeared elsewhere, but it is anticipated that before many weeks expire a better feeling will exist, and that any local vestige of a desire to continue strained relationships will be altogether abandoned.

"There is no doubt that in the near future a great expansion of trade will take place as between Australia and the East. The steamers of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha are now overcrowded with cargo, and cannot take many heavy lines which are offering. As far as European passengers are concerned, the N.Y.K. steamers are usually full at this season of the year, and although the directors of the company in Tokyo are anxious to have a pronouncement that any boycott ceases, it is more from a desire to be in amity with their neighbours than to attempt to take any large share of the traffic. The Nippon Yusen Kaisha is in a very independent position, from having to a great extent the preference of Japanese cargo and passengers, and with the absolute removal of the boycott as far as Australia is concerned, there are years of good trade as between the whole of the companies at present engaged in the trade. Proposals have been made that the Nippon Yusen Kaisha should quote lower rates in order to tempt the Chinese to book by their steamers, and to some extent this has been followed; but any action which would create what might become a permanent depreciation of freight or passage rates amongst the Eastern lines is to be deprecated.

"The local agents of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha have always maintained the most pleasant relationship with Chinese exporters and others in Sydney. The chief exporters express a strong desire to be able to resume friendly bookings through Japanese lines. From this good augury it would appear that before long it is possible the whole of the Eastern lines will again work co-operatively, in both the Chinese and Japanese trades, as was done previous to the present Chinese boycott."

Choung Tum Cho, contractor, 9 Hollywood Road, was charged with feloniously receiving 17 cases of glass, to the value of \$137.40, the property of one Chan Siu, glass dealer, knowing the same to have been stolen.

Mr. W. E. J. Shenton (from the firm of Messrs. Denton, Looker and Denton) represented the defendant.

**NO CONTRACT FOR
HONGKONG.**

NEW BOAT FOR MANILA.

The contract for the furnishing of an inter-island transport to the Army, for which bids were opened last week, was awarded by the chief quartermaster of the division, Colonel F. G. Hodgson, to the Shanghai dock and engineering company, of Shanghai, China.

Upon considering the different tenders received it was found that the Shanghai company was the lowest bidder.

The Taikoo company of Hongkong had furnished a lower bid but in the estimation of the chief quartermaster its offer did not otherwise compare favourably with the Shanghai company's.

It also wanted one month more time in which to build and deliver the boat.

The bids offered were as follows: Hongkong and Whampoa dock company, \$347,025; Shanghai dock and engineering company, \$314,000; and Taikoo dockyard and engineering company, \$310,700. The boat is to be 300 feet over all; 45 feet breadth; and 80 feet depth. The Shanghai company will deliver the ship in Manila bay in 12 months time.

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REUTER'S
TELEGRAMS.

HOME POLITICS.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

REUTER'S SERVICE TO THE
"TELEGRAPH."

Bombay, April 27, 2.30 p.m.

In the House of Commons a debate has taken place on an amendment to the Veto Bill enacting that after a Bill has passed its third reading in the House of Commons and been rejected by the House of Lords, it be submitted to referendum and if approved become law.

The amendment was rejected by 206 votes to 161.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Asquith, said the amendment was more revolutionary than anything yet submitted to the House, and deprecated the idea of representatives being sent to the House to do the people's work then throwing back upon the people the burden of solving what the representatives were elected to decide.

London, April 28, 7.35 a.m.

Speaking in the House of Commons, Mr. Asquith said that he hoped the Budget would be presented soon (after?) the Veto Bill had been disposed of by the Commons.

TURKEY'S TROUBLES.

VIZIER THREATENS
MONTENEGRO.REUTER'S SERVICE TO THE
"TELEGRAPH."

London, April 28, 7.35 a.m.

Constantinople telegrams state that the Grand Vizier, Rifaat Pasha, has said that unless the Montenegrins cease aiding the Albanian insurgents he will be compelled to call Montenegro to account.

MOROCCO.

AN ECHO OF ALGECIRAS.

REUTER'S SERVICE TO THE
"TELEGRAPH."

London, April 28, 7.35 a.m.

France's intervention in Morocco has called forth a question from the German Foreign Office.

In reply, the French Ambassador to Berlin has assured Dr. von Bethmann-Hollwegg that France has no intention whatever to contravene the Treaty of Algeciras.

SPECIAL
TELEGRAMS.

DIPLOMATIC CHANGES.

["INDEPENDENT NEWS" AGENCY.]

Tokio, April 28.

It is reported here that Mr. O'Brien, United States Ambassador to Tokio, is to be transferred to Berlin.

His place will be taken by Mr. Wilson.

JAPANESE CROWN
PRINCESS.

NOW CONVALESCENT.

["INDEPENDENT NEWS" AGENCY.]

Tokio, April 28.

The Japanese Crown Princess, who has been suffering from a severe attack of typhus, is now pronounced out of danger.

GENERAL ANDERSON IN
SHANGHAI.

PRESS COMMENT.

Never in the whole course of its existence, probably, has the S.C.C. shown to better effect than it did on Saturday last when the ceremonial portion of the inspection by Maj.-Gen. Anderson took place on the Polo Ground. The weather was superb; one of those semi-sunny days transplanted to spring which Shanghaik delights in when the weather bureau is specially complaisant.

Many of the crowd of ladies and gentlemen who had assembled to watch the function were in spring attire, and the scene was at once stimulating and delightful. On the drill there is no need here to dilate. A detailed account will be found in another column. But it was very evident that the most had been made of the fine weather which has prevailed for the past fortnight nearly. We never saw the Corps as a whole in better fettle. The Light Horse took the opportunity of going through a few simple evolutions before the others arrived, and very business-like they looked. They went past well at the walk, trot, and gallop, and the only fault we have to find with them is that they are not numerous enough. There are no more of them than there were a quarter of a century ago and the settlement has more than trebled in the time.

The Artillery have been exceptionally good during the past three or four years, and maintain their pre-eminence. What Shanghai would have done had serious trouble arisen before she had mounted infantry, machine-guns, and engineers, Heaven only knows. Any one who knows the conditions of the place now can see that at present they are indispensable, and their marked efficiency on Saturday was a welcome sight. Of the infantry the most curious thing is that the companies never grow any bigger. Several of them are certainly too small, we mean, for the highest standard of efficiency, and for this reason, if for no other, they should strain every nerve to gain recruits. The battalion is far bigger than it used to be, but the growth is in units, and not in increase to particular companies. We can remember the time when there were but two companies, when indeed, for a short time, there was but one. Now there are eight without counting the Reserve Co. They all went past in fair order on Saturday, nonchalantly, none with mechanical perfection. That, however, except for its tale of discipline and hard work, means little. Gen. Anderson made a typically soldier-like speech—a volume in three sentences. He had seen the Corps at work; he had formed the opinion that they meant to make themselves efficient for anything they might have to do; and he wished there were more of them. Nothing could have been better, more to the point, or more deserved. It found its echo in the minds of all who heard it.—"Shanghai Mercury."

TAIYUAN SEES LAST OF
BIG LINER.SWAMPED IN A
HURRICANE.

News has been received here that the s.s. Yongola, of the Adelaide Steamship Company, has been lost.

She is supposed to have been swamped in a cyclone somewhere between Flat Top Island and Bowen Island on the run to Brisbane.

There were 120 souls on board and no news has been received of any of them.

Wreckage has been picked up,

in the shape of a slight raft on which there were a number of whisky and water bottles. It is known that no one could live on so small a construction in the heavy sea that was running at the supposed time of the accident.

The Tainan, of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, passed the Yongola in the vicinity of Flat Top. The weather was extremely heavy at the time, a dense fog making navigation almost impossible.

The Tainan anchored, we are told, but the Yongola passed on her voyage. Nothing more has been heard of the vessel, and we fear here that she has been lost.

THE YOSHIWARA FIRE.

DISTRIBUTION OF
LIABILITIES.

It is reported that the representatives of the various fire offices concerned held a meeting in Tokyo on the night of the 11th inst., and disclosed the liabilities of their companies in respect to the Yoshiwara fire. A Tokyo dispatch to the "Osaka Jiji" gives the following as the approximate liabilities of each company:

Yen.
Tokyo Fire..... 65,000
Kyodo Fire..... 190,000
Osaka Fire..... 100,000
Kobe Marine..... 150,000
Yokohama Fire..... 50,000
Nippon Fire..... 50,000
Tea Fire..... 37,000
Naniwa Fire..... 58,400
Moji Fire..... 76,000
Foreign offices..... 50,000
The Kyoto Fire Insurance Company declares that a portion of the risks taken by it having been re-insured its actual liability will be no more than Y150,000.

The proprietor of the Nakagome, one of the leading licensed houses at Yoshiwara, which was burnt down, has decided to discontinue the business and has granted their freedom to all the girls, numbering 43, belonging to his establishment, and cancelled all the bonds for the indebtedness of the girls.

The proprietor of the Omodaka-jo, where 30 girls were employed, has followed the example.

GOLF.

THE HONG FOURSOMES.

The long delayed final in the Hong Foursomes competition was played off on the 23rd at Shanghai, when the contestants were E. F. Mackay and A. R. W. Menzies (Butterfield and Swire) and T. F. Longmuir and A. C. Paddy (Hongkong Bank).

The final round necessitated the playing of 36 holes, but at the 28th the match was brought to a close, Mackay and Menzies winning by 9 up and 8 to play. From the very start the Taikoo couple put up a strong game, and the scores in the three rounds which were completed varied between 40 and 42. Of the Hongkong Bank men Paddy was the less steady, and on several occasions placed his partner in difficulties. They played a plucky game, though Longmuir was by no means in his best form, but were not good enough to win. Messrs. Mackay and Menzies are to be congratulated on their win of this competition, for from start to finish they have played good golf and have deserved their victories.

Shanghai has now given up her objections to have anything higher in the air than it is itself and yielded to M. Vallon. The Peking Spring Races have been postponed until Friday and Saturday May 12, and 13. H.M.S. *Thetis* left Hankow for down-river ports on the 20th and I.M.S. *Sirpo* left for Yuchow.

AMERICAN NEWS.

IVIA MANILA.

Washington, April 24.—Mrs. Sereno E. Payne, wife of the representative from the 31st New York district, former chairman of the ways and means committee, and author of the Payne Tariff Bill, died to-day. She was formerly Miss Gertrude Knapp of Rochester, and married Mr. Payne on April 23, 1873 when he was district attorney of Cayuga county. No arrangements for the funeral have been made, but it will be held in Rochester.

Washington, April 24.—John McNamara, secretary of the International Structural Iron Bridge Workers, and two other unionist leaders, were arrested in Indianapolis yesterday on the charge of being concerned with the dynamiting of the "Los Angeles Times" October 1, 1910. The accused deny the charge and will make a vigorous defense.

Washington, April 24.—General Madero, chief of the Mexican revolutionary forces has agreed to an armistice for the purpose of discussing terms of peace, and has withdrawn his demand for the retirement of President Diaz as one of the conditions which must be met by the federal government before he would entertain peace overtures. It is believed in diplomatic circles here that Madero is sparing for time in which to reorganize and strengthen his forces, and that the revolution is too deep-rooted and directed too obviously against the present administration to admit of peace negotiations as long as Diaz retains the power to deal with the leaders of the revolutionists.

STEAMER FOUNDERS
IN TYPHOON.

SIX PERSONS MISSING.

Late news from Manila says the steamer Charles Porizat foundered off Cavite at 5.30 on Sunday afternoon last three miles out of Cavite. At the time there were 20 persons aboard and the latest information shows six to be still missing. The bureau of navigation authorities believe them to be drowned. One is Mr. John Bovington, an American.

Two other Americans, Ordinary Sergeant E. R. Neville with station at Fort McKinley, and Mr. Lester Perkins, of the bureau of customs, were rescued after they had floated about in the water all night. Twenty-one Filipinos have also been rescued. The cause of the accident is not definitely known as only the barest news of the disaster has been received, but it is considered probable that the vessel, which plies regularly between Manila and Corregidor, foundered in the severe storm that whipped the waters of the bay into a fury during the late afternoon hours.

Only one survivor of the wreck reached Manila in the early hours—a Filipino who was picked up by Mr. W. J. Shaw of the Atlantic Gulf and Pacific company at two o'clock in the morning as he was returning to the city on a company launch.

When rescued he was half mad from thirst and fear and could not tell a connected story of the sinking of the vessel.

The steamer foundered almost without warning and the passengers and crew barely had time to fit on life preservers handed out by orders of the captain, when he realized that the boat was doomed.

During the rain, the group in the cricket pavilion were telling their bad-weather and fine-weather stories. One of the best of them went back to the South African war, when crowds stood outside the newspaper offices waiting for the expected news about Ladysmith. An old lady sauntered past—an old lady with a black dress and bonnet, and a huge umbrella.

"What is the crowd for?" she asked.

"Waiting for news of the war."

"Why? Is there a war on?"

"Yes."

"My word!" the old lady said pleasantly, "they've got a nice day for it, haven't they?"

COLLISION AT SEA.

MEIFOO SUNK.

A few hours after the news was received of the accident to the P.M.S. Asia, information was received in Shanghai that a serious and fatal collision had occurred within a hundred miles of Shanghai between the China Merchants' steamer Meifoo and Kwanglou, and had resulted in the sinking of the Meifoo and loss of a large number of lives. The news was confirmed on the arrival of the Kwanglou, which had returned to port from the scene of the collision and had brought back the survivors.

The C.M.S. Meifoo left Amoy for Shanghai on the evening of the 20th instant, with a general cargo and a large number of Chinese passengers, and met with fair weather until midnight on Friday, when a dense fog was encountered. All necessary precautions having been taken, the vessel held to her course until at six o'clock on Saturday morning the fog became so dense that she had to drop anchor at a place which was afterwards ascertained to be in the vicinity of Tongting. On Sunday afternoon the fog lifted slightly and the Meifoo weighed anchor and proceeded on her voyage, but after clearing Steep Island Pass, the fog again became dense and anchor was dropped off Elgar Island, about eighty miles from Woosung. About half-past five o'clock this evening, while the Meifoo was still lying at anchor, a steamer, which was shortly afterwards ascertained to be the Kwanglou, appeared from the fog and before anything could be done to avert a collision the bow of the Kwanglou struck the Meifoo—right amidships and tore a large hole in her side, with the result that the Meifoo sank within very few minutes in fifteen fathoms of water. The officers and crews of the two steamers did all in their power to save the lives of the passengers and members of the crew of the Meifoo who were in the water, but so sudden had been the catastrophe that little could be done. Though only one life-boat could be launched many lives were saved, including all the foreign officers of the Meifoo, but it is estimated that more than forty Chinese passengers were lost.

Immediately the collision occurred, Mr. Smith, chief officer of the Meifoo, accompanied by a Chinese tally-man, attempted to go below to procure life-belts for the passengers, but the attempt proved futile and both Mr. Smith and the tally-man were washed away. The former was heroically rescued by Mr. Palmer, second engineer of the Meifoo, when in an exhausted condition, but the tally-man was drowned. Captain Proberg, master of the Meifoo, also had a very narrow escape. He was found struggling in the water by a quartermaster and a sailor whose boat had been overturned, and was dragged by them on to the keel of the overturned boat, where the three remained for more than an hour before being rescued. In the meantime the Kwanglou lowered all her boats and a search of the surrounding water resulted in the rescue of many members of the passengers and crew of the Meifoo.—"N.C.D. News."

A collision which might well have had fatal results, occurred at Bangkok in front of Messrs. Windsor and Co.'s wharf, a few days ago, between the small motor launch owned by the Pilot Company, and a larger steam launch belonging to the R. I. Department. The pilot's launch was split in two and immediately commenced to fill. Captain Rees and the two Siamese who comprised the crew, at once took to the water and were with some difficulty taken on board the Railway launch. One of the crew, who was unable to swim, was in an exhausted state when rescued. The damaged launch, half submerged, was left to drift down the river.

LOG BOOK.

An old lady, who had been leaning over the rail to watch the passengers as they came up the gangway, suddenly approached the captain.

"Please tell me, sir," she asked timidly, "what time the boat starts."

"It starts, madam, when I give the word," was the haughty reply.

"Oh, indeed! I thought it started when the engineer pulled the lever. Thank you very much."

The watermark at Hankow on the 21st instant was 25 ft. 9 in., at Kiakiang on the following day 20 ft. 1 in., and at Wuhan on the 23rd about 16 ft.

It came as quite a shock to his numerous friends in China when it was learned that Mr. W. H. Anderson, who had only retired from active service in July, 1908, had succumbed on the 28th March, at Rugby, England. Deceased had been resident in the Far East for more than thirty years.

To-day's
Advertisement.THE MERCANTILE BANK OF
INDIA, LIMITED.

I HAVE this day assumed charge of the Branch of this Bank in Hongkong.

F. C. MACDONALD,

Hongkong, 28th April, 1911. [1092]

OLD ALLEYNIAN DINNER.

ON FRIDAY, May 5th an O. A. DINNER will take place at 8 p.m. at the GRAND HOTEL, Old Allynians wishing to be present are asked to send in their names to the Undersigned.

H. O. SPINK,
Vicarage,
Kowloon.
Hongkong, 28th April, 1911. [1089]HARBOUR MASTER'S
DEPARTMENT.No Steamship or Junks or other
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Harbour Master, &c.
Hongkong, 28th April, 1911. [1091]

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"MONTREAL" ... Wed., June 28.
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MOJI LOONGSANG Saturday, 6th May, 2 p.m.
MANILA, SINGAPORE, PENANG } NAMSANG Monday, 8th May, Noon.
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Hongkong, 27th April, 1911.

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"KUMERIC"	6,252 ...	G. B. McGill	30th May
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ANTWERP via MUSHIMA MARU	WEDNESDAY, 24th	
SINGAPORE, CO. PEGANG, CO. LOMBO AND PORT SAID	Capt. A. E. Moses, Tons 3,000	May, at Daylight.
KAGA MARU	WEDNESDAY, 7th	
PORT SAID	Capt. M. Hayano, Tons 7,000	June, at Daylight.

VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE via AWA MARU, SATURDAY, 20th & SEATTLE via AWA MARU, SATURDAY, 20th

SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, INABA MARU, TUESDAY, 23rd May, at 4 p.m. & YOKOHAMA, TUESDAY, 20th June, at 4 p.m.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE, via KUMANO MARU, FRIDAY, 12th May, at Noon MANILA, THURSDAY, 15th MAY, at Noon ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE, via YAWATA MARU, FRIDAY, 9th June, at Noon

SHANGHAI, via HAKATA MARU, WEDNESDAY, 10th May, MOJI & KOBE, via HAKATA MARU, TUESDAY, 10th May.

NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA, via YAWATA MARU, WEDNESDAY, 10th May, HAMA, via BINGO MARU, TUESDAY, 2nd May.

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FOO & NEWOWHANG	NANCIANG	1st May, Noon.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	TEAN	2nd " 1 p.m.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA & AUSTRALIAN PORTS	CHANGSHA	3rd " 4 p.m.
TIENTHIN	KUEICHOW	5th " 4 p.m.
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THE PLAGUE.

RAGING NEAR CANTON.
[The "Telegraph" Correspondent]

As I have already reported, plague at Lui Chow has not abated but on the other hand is claiming a great number of lives.

The family of the Lui Chow prefect have now returned from the prefecture. According to them, there has been over 3000 deaths. Even in broad daylight the streets are deserted. In the prefect's yamen, seven lives have been lost. The fourth son of the prefect succumbed to the disease seven days after his marriage.

At present the yamen is unoccupied and the prefect is taking up his quarters in the gumbout Lui Wei, while his family has returned to Canton.

In two infected villages, there is not a single living soul, all having succumbed to the scourge.

ROYALISM IN PORTUGAL DEAD.

Mr. W. Archer, in the "Fortnightly Review," is very sanguine about the Portuguese revolution. Royalism, he says, is dead; and the Church has died with it. In Spain people still go to church. In Portugal you have to whistle for sacrists to open the churches; or if you chance upon an hour of worship, you find a priest saying mass before a congregation of three old women. From all that I have seen, heard, and read, I am inclined to think that the Provisional Government are, in fact, men of high and unselfish purpose, determined to justify their national pride by showing that Portugal is capable of moral and material regeneration. Their desire to "play fair" is very noteworthy.

But they look askance at England: It is barely three years since Dr. (now President) Braga laid adown that the "four great causes of the decadence of Portugal had been the Inquisition, the Jesuits, the Braganzas, and the English alliance."

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SHOULD CHINA GOVERN TIBET?

The "Quarterly Review" evidently thinks that it would be for our interest that she should.

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A HONGKONG LOVE IDYLL.

DID IT COME OFF?

In the course of a day's work the average journalist comes across much tragedy and comedy, but rarely does he chance upon documents so pregnant with feeling as the one set out below. It was found in one of the principal hotels in the Colony. Though lacking in punctuation, the spirit of the thing is there, and we make no apology for inserting the interesting screed, for, as the poet puts it, "one touch of nature makes the whole world kin."

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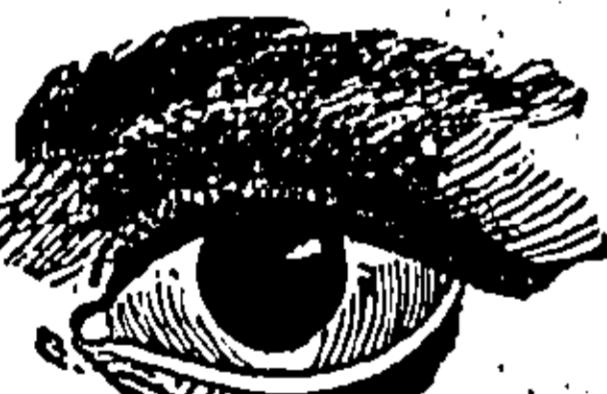
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7.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. Every 10 min.

10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. 15 min.

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3.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. 15 min.

5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. 10 min.

NIGHT CARS.

8.45 p.m. and 9.45, to 11.15 p.m.
every half hour.

SUNDAYS.

8.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. Every 15 min.

9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. 30 min.

9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. 15 min.

10.30 a.m. to 11.00 noon. 10 min.

11.45 a.m. to 12.00 noon. 15 min.

12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m. 10 min.

1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. 15 min.

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6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. 15 min.

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NIGHT CARS as on Week Days.

SATURDAYS.

Extra cars at 8.15 p.m., 11.30 p.m.

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JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
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Hongkong, 1st April, 1911.

Shipping Steamer.



The Peninsular & Oriental
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THE Steamship

"ASSAYE."

Captain G. W. Cookman, n.s.s., carrying His Majesty's Envoy, will be despatched from this for Bombay, &c., on SATURDAY, the 29th April, 1911, at Noon, taking passengers and cargo in connection with the Company's n.s.s. "Moro," 11,000 tons, from Colombo, passengers' accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.

Silk and Valuables, all cargo for

France and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay by the n.s.s. "Egypt," due in London on the 9th June, 1911.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

For further particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWITT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 18th April, 1911. [4]

THE Steamship

"LIGHTNING."

Captain E. P. Smith, will be despatched for the above ports on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd May, at 1 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASSOON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 27th April, 1911. [1089]

Regular Steamship Service
to New York,
via PORTS and SUEZ CANAL
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Coast).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG

FOR NEW YORK.

S.S. "MONTROSE" ... About 4th

May.

FOR BOSTON and NEW YORK.

S.S. "MONCASTER" ... About 11th

MAY.

For Freight and further information, apply to

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 26th April, 1911. [108]

THE Steamship

"NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA."

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM EUROPE, COLOMBO
AND STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship

"KAGA MARU,"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon, TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 3rd May, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination, by the Consignee and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 26th April, 1911. [18]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG
AND SINGAPORE.

FOR LONDON, ROTTERDAM
& ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

"FLINTSHIRE"

Captain G. C. Cundy, will be despatched as above about 12th prox.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 24th April, 1911. [1078]

TSANG KWONG
COMPANY.

ELECTRICAL AND GAS
CONTRACTORS.

230, Des Vaux Road Central.

Telephone No. 800.

Hongkong, 2nd Jan., 1911. [149]

Consignees.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO, HONO-
LULU and JAPAN PORTS.

THE Steamship

"AMERICA MARU."

COMMERCIAL.

EXCHANGE.

Selling.

London—Bank T.T.	1/10 4
Do. Demand.....	1/10 10
Do. 4 months' sight.....	1/10 1/16
France—Bank T.T.	2.304
America—Bank T.T.	443
Germany—Bank T.T.	1.863
India T.T.	1364
Do. Demand.....	1064
Shanghai—Bank T.T.	742
Bing.—Bank T.T. per H.K.	\$100 78
Japan—Bank T.T.	894
Java—Bank T.T.	1004

Buying.

4 months' sight U.S.	1/10 4
6 months' sight U.S.	1/10 10
80 days' sight San Foo & N. York	451
4 months' sight do.	464
30 days' sight Sydney & Mel-	
bourne	1/10 4
4 months' sight France	2.85
6 months' sight do.	2.87
4 months' sight Germany	1.01
Bar Silver.....	24
Bank of England rate.....	3 %
Sovereign.....	\$10.83

SHIPPING NEWS.

MAILS DUE.

Gor. (Prinz Sigismund) 30th inst.
German (Buelow) 4th prox.
American (Persia) 10th prox.
American (Korea) 10th prox.The Danish s.s. Arabien left
Sabang on 27th inst., and may be
expected here on 4th prox., p.m.
The Hauss s.s. Fratinfels left
Singapore on 27th inst., p.m., and
may be expected here on 3rd
prox., a.m.The P.&O.S.N. Co.'s s.s. Nile
left Singapore for this port on
28th inst., at 7 a.m., and is due
here on 2nd prox., at 10 a.m.

ARRIVALS.

Changsha, Br. s.s., 1,463, E. Finlay-
son, 28th April—Sydney
4th April, Gon.—B. & S.Tean, Br. s.s., 1,316, A. W. Outer-
bridge, 28th April—ManilaHainan, Br. s.s., 641, J. W. Evans,
28th April—Swatow 27th

April, Gen.—D. L. & Co.

Petchaburi, Gor. s.s., 1,373, C. Gose-
wich, 28th April—Bangkok21st April, Rice, Meal and
Teakwood.—B. & S.

Kashin, Br. s.s., 1,143, Lavers, 28th

April 19th April, Gen.—B. &
S.Assay, Br. s.s., 4,359, G. W. Cock-
man, n.n.s., 28th April—Shanghai 25th April, Mail
and Gen.—P. & O. S. N.
Co.Nanhang, Br. s.s., 1,014, R. Rob-
ertson, 21th April—Canton27th April, Beans and Gen.—
B. & S.Amigo, Gor. s.s., 822, W. Langtover-
ger, 28th April—Haiphong

27th April, Gon.—J. & Co.

Soshu Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,118, R.

Sukawi, 28th April—Swatow

27th April, Gen.—O. S. K.

Shinten Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,980, K.

Nagata, 28th April—Moj

22nd April, Coal.—A. &
Co.

Yatshing, Br. s.s., 1,424, S. J. Payne,

28th April—from Samarrang

Sugar.—J. & Co.

Bonmohr, Br. s.s., 1,935, Hastie, 28th

April—Singapore 22nd April,

Gen.—G. L. & Co.

Kagonhion Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,731,

Minamigawa, 28th April—

Moj 22nd April, Coal.—A. &
Co.

Johanne, Gor. s.s., 952, M. Ipland,

28th April—Singapor 18th

and Hoihow 27th April,

Gen.—J. & Co.

CLEARANCES AT THE HAR-
BOUR OFFICE.

Hatching, for Swatow.

Landrat Schefl, for Hoihow.

Borneo, for Jesselton.

Bennair, for Nagasaki.

Davaawange, for Swatow.

Glenogle, for Amoy.

Assay, for Singapore.

DEPARTURES.

April 28.

Dalia, for Shanghai.

Hatching, for Coast Ports.

Minotaur, Br. cruiser, for Shanghai.

Olenan, for Canton.

Kwangtai, for Shanghai.

Senangambia, for Hamburg.

Helene, for Toulon.

Davaawongse, for Kobe.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Par Petchaburi, arrived on

28th April from Bangkok :—

Roddich, Y.

Per Assayo, arrived on 28th

April from Shanghai, &c. :—

Beattie, B. D., Markham, and

Dooly servant

Grandmarn, and Owen, G.

servant Parker, Miss M.

Levy, J. Swift, Mrs. and

Kent, Capt. W. Miss

Lo To Ming Thomson, Miss

Margott

Per Changsha, arrived on 28th
April from Sydney :—

Bryant, Mrs. Gibbons

Bryant, Elva Marshall

Byrant, Ivy Nelson

Franklin McMahon

Grothor, Miss

Per Tean, arrived on 28th

April from Manila :—

Bondfield, Rev. Rickell Rev.

Dioner, Saez, Iov.

Heywood Sandson

Julia, Iov.

Loomis Tumbull

Lossstrom Williams

McKaney Willwin

VESSELS IN PORT.

STRAGERS.

Anubera Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,164, A. G.

Stevens, 26th April—San

Francisco 21th Mar., Can-

dian Goods, Flour and Mac-

T. K. K.

Borneo, Ger. s.s., 1,314, F. Sembill,

24th April—Sandakan 19th

April, Timber and Gen.—M.

& Co.

Canada Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,759, K.

Hori, 27th April—Nagasaki

29th April, Gen.—O. S. K.

Earl of Elgin, Br. s.s., 2,811, D.

Robertson, 26th April—

from Durban, Gen.—S. &

Co.

Cape, Mr. and Mrs. A.

Empress of India, Br. s.s., 3,032, E.

Beetham, 14th April—Van-

couver 22nd Mar., Mails and

Gen.—C. P. R. Co.

Fukura Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,946, F.

Ajawa, 26th April—Moji

20th April, Coal.—M. B. G.

K. Glenoglo, Br. s.s., 2,190, C. O. H. Pad-

die, 27th April—Rangoon

29th April, Gon.—S. T.

Hong.

Hoihow, Nor.-s.s., 800, Aug—Kundun,

22nd April—Geraldton, W.

A. P. 6th April, Sandalwood —

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CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

London, April 21, 7.10 p.m.
The result of the Esher Cup race was as follows:

Marechal Strozz..... 1
Pietri..... 2
Foranor..... 3

London, April 21, 7.10 p.m.
Mr. John Burns, President of the Local Government Board, denied in the House of Commons that he had any knowledge of the alleged smuggling of Chinese pork into Ireland in musical instruments.

London, April 21, 7.10 p.m.
The Welsh miners are supplying the gold insignia which the Prince of Wales will wear at his Investiture at Carnarvon in July.

London, April 22, 7.55 a.m.
Despite official assurances much anxiety prevails in Paris regarding the plight of Major Bremond, of the French Army, who is trying to lead the Malhalla from the Shorada country to the relief of Fez.

The force has been detained by floods, and after much heavy fighting has exhausted its ammunition, according to rumours which have reached Paris.

The French Government announces that it is taking vigorous measures to send supplies and succour to Major Bremond.

London, April 22, 7.55 p.m.
The anniversary of the foundation of Rome has been held there in the most animated way.

The streets are gaily decorated, and filled with enthusiastic crowds, while artillery salutes rend the air.

London, April 24, 10.15 p.m.
A terrible incident is reported from Cape Town.

The railway bridge at Blaukrantza collapsed while a train was crossing, with disastrous results.

The engine and carriages were precipitated into the river below, and forty persons were killed and many more injured.

At this spot the river runs shallow over a rocky bed, and the train was crushed to matchwood.

Tokio, April 22.
The Emperor has just made four new appointments.

Marquises Katsura and Tokudaiji have been created Grand Chamberlains, and Prince Seruichi and Viscount Watanabe have been made Counts.

Tokio, April 22.
The Japanese Navy is to have two important additions soon.

The Naval Department has ordered local shipyards to begin construction at once upon two first class armoured cruisers, each of 27,000 tons.

Bombay, April 21, 1.50 p.m.
Router is informed with regard to the opium negotiations at Peking between Sir John Jordan (the British Minister) and the Waiwupu, which had almost reached a deadlock a few weeks ago, that such progress has been made during the past fortnight that the prospects of a satisfactory solution of the question of the diminution of the importation of Indian opium into China may be regarded as distinctly favourable.

It would, however, be premature to state the agreement has been reached, as there are still two or three questions outstanding. These questions include the manner whereby the unpaying opium produced in China will be checked, and how accumulated stocks of opium are to be disposed of.

Bombay, April 21, 1.50 p.m.

A telegram from Lisbon states that the law for the separation of the Church and State, which will be promulgated shortly, suppresses Catholicism as the religion of the State and guarantees complete liberty of conscience.

All orders and religious communities will be required under the new law to devote one-third of their income to charity.

The new law also establishes Government control of public works.

London, April 23, 10.15 p.m.
The death is announced of Mr. John Passmore Edwards, who founded more than seventy public institutions, was a prominent political writer, represented Salisbury for many years and twice declined the honour of knighthood.

Mr. Passmore Edwards was the son of a Cornish carpenter and was born in 1823. The institutions he founded included hospitals, homes and libraries, to the latter of which he presented upwards of 80,000 volumes. He was proprietor of the "Echo" and was a friend and supporter of Cobden and Bright. He was delegate to several important conferences on the continent. Knighthood was offered him by Queen Victoria and again by King Edward, but was declined.]

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The English newspapers express the warmest sympathy with France in the difficult task which confronts her in Morocco.

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Canton, April 27.
Ever since the assassination of the late Thrice General, a rumour has been afloat that a native rising will soon break out, coupled with the mutiny of the Canton recruits who are alleged to have entertained feelings of discontent. Of course this unusual and alarming report has given anxiety to the people here. As I have already reported, the able and energetic Viceroy has taken every precaution.

This morning a number of launches were seen on the river carrying many regiments of braves who have been sent to Canton from various districts to watch any sign of trouble. The trouble between the recruits and the police early last year has taught the officials lesson to keep all those troublesome recruits in restraint, and hope is entertained that nothing will happen.

From other sources we learn rumour is current that the newly trained soldiers are in league with revolutionists and that Saturday the city will be seized.

The army officers acting on these rumours have taken precautionary measures and have ordered that all rifles in the hands of troops should be relieved of certain parts of their mechanism in order they may be rendered useless. This action will greatly minimise the danger from the rebellious soldiers, if rumour should prove correct, and they will have no arms with which to fight.

The wife of the late Tartar General is the younger sister of Shoung Chi Hang, Provincial Treasurer of Fukien, who is extremely grieved at the death of his brother-in-law, and sorry for his sister in her sad bereavement.

Owing to the rise of the anarchical element in Canton, the Provincial Treasurer considers it unsafe for his unhappy sister to remain in the place. He has accordingly sent his eldest son to Canton to conduct the wife of the late Tartar General of Fukien.

Speculation is rife in the Colony as to the meaning of the Canton outbreak. The warning against ships being sent to Canton has naturally caused a good deal of excitement, and the question is being asked: Is it the revolution come at last?

The affair is regarded as serious by both foreigners and Chinese. The fight in front of the Yamen, in which the admiral in person led the garrison, has caused a stir, and little doubt exists that the outbreak is one that calls for the most determined handling. It is many years since rioters or revolutionaries dared deliberately to engage the officials in armed conflict.

The threatened rising in Canton has caused an extremely large number of women and children to seek refuge in British territory and during the last ten days arrivals in Hongkong have been numerous. The native boarding houses are crowded.

A representative of the "Hongkong Telegraph" interviewed Commander Beeckwith, R.N., on the matter, and was informed that at 10.20 on Friday morning, instructions were given by His Excellency the Governor, to stop all shipping proceeding to Canton.

All vessels and junks have therefore been refused clearance to Canton for twenty-four hours.

April 28.
A large party of Cook's tourists went to Canton yesterday. They are now "held up" there owing to the outbreak.

The tourists for at least forty-eight hours, according to our telegrams, must remain in the City of Rams, and while we do not anticipate any real danger for them, nevertheless we hope the authorities will not neglect the interests. A mob in Canton when it is inflamed is a very dangerous thing.

The U.S.S. Wilmington is now under orders for Canton. She sails to-morrow, but should anything serious transpire in the meantime will leave at once.

The American Consulate General here has received messages from the Consul-General at Canton which state that the people are quiet and that he does not anticipate any danger.

We learn from a Hankow message to the "Jiji" that the Viceroy of Hupeh has sent back to their homes 1,200 people who had emigrated from Hupeh to Manchuria, but had been sent back. Of this number 150 have died of various complaints.

Canton, April 28, 9 a.m.

At seven o'clock last night revolutionaries, armed with rifles and bombs, gathered in force and marched upon the Viceroy's Yamen.

News of the threatened attack preceded them, and Admiral Li gathered together his troops and prepared to meet the attack. He led them in person.

A fierce little fight ensued. The Admiral and his men fought determinedly and eventually succeeded in driving off the revolutionaries, but not before they had suffered some loss. Several Viceroy's braves were killed and wounded, but the attackers suffered much more heavily, many of them being killed.

The other Yamen and public offices were not molested, but the telegraphic office was closed to all but official messages.

Steamers from Hongkong are being vigorously searched for arms.

The rioters wore a white band on their heads, when they set fire to the Viceroy's Yamen.

Canton, April 28, 12 p.m.

For forty-eight hours the running of steamers between Hongkong and Canton has been suspended.

Peking, April 27.

Acting on the advice of the newly appointed Viceroy of the Three Eastern Provinces, the Prince Regent has decided to reform the recruits.

Peking, April 27.

The Prince Regent will represent the young Emperor at the coming review of the troops.

Peking, April 27.

The Prince Regent has appointed Colonel Shing-fun as Acting Tartar General of Canton.

Peking, April 27.

The Chinese Minister to Japan, when received in audience by the Prince Regent, said that a certain country had already made plans to dispatch a great army to China, and trouble may soon be expected. He also asked the Prince Regent to send the Young Emperor to pursue his studies abroad.

Peking, April 27.

The four nations interested in the foreign loan still insist upon China engaging foreign financial advisers from the four countries.

The President of the Board of Communications suggests to the representatives of the foreign countries that only two should be engaged to look after the interests of the four countries.

However, no decision has been arrived at.

Peking, April 27.

The President of the Board of Communications is secretly negotiating a loan of \$2,000,000 from Japan for the development of coal and iron mining companies in Hang Yang, Jai-chi, and Ping Huang.

On the 23rd instant the S.S. Meefoo, belonging to the China Merchants Steamship Company, journeying from Hongkong to Shanghai, collided in a dense fog off Gutzu Island, with another of the company's boats, S.S. Kwonglee, proceeding from Shanghai to Hongkong.

It is feared that the accident has been attended with a great loss of life, for it is reported that the Meefoo sank shortly after the impact.

Native journals give the number of passengers at about 57, four being foreigners and the rest Chinese.

Out of this number it is reported that fifteen have been saved, presumably by the Kwonglee; while the rest of the passengers and fourteen of the ship's complement are missing.

After the accident the Kwonglee proceeded back to Shanghai, having sustained a break down in the engine room.

Peking, April 24.

The Prince Regent has instructed the Grand Councillors to settle the frontier disputes with Chu Shan, in Chokiang.

Peking, April 25.

The productions in Manchuria and its market of consumption, together with the revenue derived from the taxation on all the smoking and spirit requisites, will be given as securities for the loan from the four countries.

Peking, April 25.

The Japanese soldiers stationed in the Three Eastern Provinces have had several conflicts with the Chinese soldiers and policemen at Feng-tien. Many have been wounded on both sides. A severe encounter is imminent, which will eventually lead to war.

Peking, April 25.

An Imperial decree has been issued conferring a tablet, with characters written by the young Emperor, on the Tai Tung College in Yokohama, for good systematic management.

Peking, April 25.

The Empress Dowager has in-

structed the Board of Foreign Affairs and the members of the Imperial household to make every preparation for the coming reception to be held at the Summer Palace, in honour of the wives of the foreign Ministers in Peking.

The loan obtained by the Board of Communications for the improvement of the currency system has been duly settled, and the agreement signed.

The loan for the development of railway enterprises in China is not quite settled.

The newly appointed Viceroy of the Three Eastern Provinces has requested the Throne to dispatch several divisions of troops to the Eastern Provinces, as the Japanese soldiers have been provoking the Chinese for an encounter, and the Chinese soldiers are not sufficiently strong to cope with the situation.

An Imperial decree has been issued complying with the Viceroy's request.

Peking, April 24.

The Senators of the National Assembly have determined to meet together on Thursday to demand holding an extraordinary general meeting.

Peking, April 24.

The newly appointed Viceroy of the Three Eastern Provinces has applied to the Throne for permission to reorganize the army in the Three Eastern Provinces.

He suggested that two divisions should be stationed in each of the Three Eastern Provinces.

The Prince Regent has instructed him to discuss the matter with the Army Board, the Board of Finance, and the Board of Foreign Affairs.

Peking, April 24.

The Board of Foreign Affairs has had several conferences as to the boundary question in Macao.

The Board is of opinion that the delimitation of the Macao boundary should be either settled by the Board, or be submitted for decision to the Hague tribunal.

H. E. Chang Ming Chi, the Canton Viceroy, has requested the Board to allow the Macao boundary question to be settled in Canton.

The Board has refused to comply with the Viceroy's

Peking, April 24.

It is reported that Chu Yu Linn, the Under-Secretary of the Board of Foreign Affairs, has been appointed Chinese Minister to Japan.

Peking, April 25.

Some days ago the Prince Regent instructed Prince Kung, the anti-opium Commissioner, to examine all the imperial princes and the officials of the 1st rank, &c., to see whether they were suffering from the opium habit.

The other day Prince Kung asked the Prince Regent what he could do with Duke Kwei Cheung, the father of the Empress Dowager, who is an opium smoker.

The Prince Regent replied that in future only officials of the 2nd rank and downwards will be subjected for examination.

Peking, April 25.

II. E. Na Tung is getting tired of being a Grand Councillor, and has expressed an intention of becoming the Viceroy of Chili.

Peking, April 25.

There will be some changes among the viceroys and governors of the various provinces next month.

Peking, April 25.

The newly appointed Viceroy of the Three Eastern Provinces will leave for his post early next month.

Peking, April 25.

The Prince Regent has instructed the Grand Councillors to settle the frontier disputes with Chu Shan, in Chokiang.

Peking, April 25.

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Hongkong, 27th April, 1911. [108]

Peking, April 26.

The President of the Army Board has issued a general instruction to have all the latest quick-firing guns fitted in all the important forts and posts in China.

Peking, April 26.

The Viceroy of Szo-chwan has telegraphed to Peking stating that the British troops have advanced to Patong, in Sze-chuan, and he asked for instructions.

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Peking, April 26.

The wife of the American Minister in Peking will give a dinner party in honour of the wife of the Prince Regent.

MIRTH.

Wright.—Arch 23, at King-ston-on-Thames, wife of A. E. Wright, F.LI., P.W.D., Hongkong, son.

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Peking, April 26.

Among our Telegrams to-day we publish one from Peking stating that the native income of Mongolia is unstricken over the sudden arrival of a large force of Russian soldiers. Urgent messages have been sent to Peking to protest against this occupation.

Peking, April 26.

Prince Tsai Tao, the First Lord of the Admiralty, has requested the Throne to put aside funds for the construction of a naval base at Chu Shan, in Chokiang.

Peking, April 26.

The productions in Manchuria and its market of consumption, together with the revenue derived from the taxation on all the smoking and spirit requisites, will be given as securities for the loan from the four countries.

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An Imperial decree has been issued conforming a tablet, with characters written by the young Emperor, on the Tai Tung College in Yokohama, for good systematic management.

Peking, April 26.

The Empress Dowager has in-

cognised certain Russian rights in Mongolia. These would include the stationing of Russian troops at certain points to guard the consulates. Russia has and will have in the region to protect Russian communities. It is, indeed, extremely unlikely that the force is as large as the telegram suggests. While a panic among the ignorant traders and tribes of western Mongolia might easily be induced by the presence of a comparatively small force, any no with a knowledge of the region will allow that some force is necessary in so wild a country to protect the Russian flag wherever it may fly under treaty rights.

That those treaty rights exist China's settlement of the recent dispute or the partial settlement of it tacitly admits, and therefore we cannot be surprised at hearing of the movements of Russian troops in the region recognised as "open."

On the other hand, since Mongolia is peaceful, it is to be regretted that Russia has seen fit so

soon to press her advantage.

From her point of view, no doubt, she is striking while the iron is hot, and indeed we know that she took advantage of her ultimatum to send forward men and guns.

The procedure smacks somewhat

of brigandage, the brigandage of a neighbour's territory, and we know where that policy led Russia a few years ago.

The lesson of the Japanese war should be more vivid to her mind, and we cannot be surprised that a very

radical difference of opinion exists in St. Petersburg as to the advisability of the foreign policy now being pursued by the nation.

We do not want another war "to prevent the partition" of China,

and we would consequently be

glad to see Russia "moderate her transports," military and

mental, and allow China breathing space to find her level.

Yesterday the Prince Regent

received in audience the Chinese Minister to Japan and questioned him as to the object of the Japanese government in increasing the number of soldiers in

Manchuria, and also asked him as to the attitude of the Japanese government in dealing with the question of those of the Korean

Chinos, who wanted to become

Peking, April 26.

On hearing the news that the Japanese have increased the number of soldiers stationed in

Manchuria, the Prince Regent is

lity of such a rise will be vastly increased should the Declaration of London finally be ratified, for in that case all neutral vessels carrying food or other conditional contraband to our ports will be exposed on the high seas to the same risk of capture or sinking as will naturally affect British merchantmen. Starvation at home and in many Colonies would be the inevitable result.

Gormay is perfectly within her rights in converting her merchantmen into ships of war, such a step will however add enormously to the horrors of war. Our own merchantmen would be in worse case than were their predecessors in the good old-days of the privateer and the pirate, while under the Declaration of London our neutrals would be so only in name, or rather in so far that they might not retaliate. The whole world would be alienated from us under such conditions unless indeed the friendship of our allies was so strong, even without any undertaking to the effect, that they would go to war with the power that seized their ships carrying food to us. And this would be the signal for Armageddon:

INDIA AND THE EAST.

(28th April.)

For some time past little or no news, in this case we may take to be good news, has come to us from India, that is, no news of a sensational character. An attempt or two, unhappily successful and fatal has been made to derail trains, but the country in comparison with what has gone before is quiet. The India Government's really admirable policy is responsible for this. It was firm and when occasion demanded rigorous, and it had the desired effect, despite the sentimental ravings of a certain class at home, who would have us handle an incipient anarchical revolution with kid gloves. The danger, we think, is not over, and the huge nation, the "brightest gem in the British Crown," is once more on the real path to progress. The leading men of India of all castes know right well that independence, for a united India, is a vain dream, and that it would only mean the splitting up of the country into a hundred, two hundred, three hundred warring states. "United we stand, divided we fall," and India cannot be united except under a stranger power, her people are of too many different castes and even nations, most of whom hate each other. The days of the Great Mogul might come again, but they would come in a welter of blood that would drench India from Cashmere to Calcutta. This the Indians themselves recognise and hence loyalty is being steadily suggested to the country at large as the best policy.

India is a source, if loyal, of well nigh immeasurable strength to the British Empire. She is capable of making our seat in the East secure for ever without entangling alliances with other Powers, for as a British General of international reputation once said, there is material in the North of India and Nepal sufficient and fit, under good leadership, "to shake the artificial society of Europe to its foundations, if once it dares to tamper with that militarism which now alone supplies it with any higher ideal than money and the luxuriant money can buy." We know what the Indian soldier is, and with a loyal India at our doors the future of the East can hold no unpleasant surprises for us. We do not mean Hongkong alone, but Australia as well, and our great Colony has in a loyal India a splendid guarantee against the danger which she firmly believes threatens her.

THE SELF-GOVERNMENT SOCIETY.

AGGRESSION OF FOREIGN NATIONS.

The President of the U.S. High Educational Union has paid Canton a visit, and is staying with the American Consul on the Shamen. The members of the Canton Self-Government Society have sent the distinguished visitor an invitation to reception to be held in his honour at their hall to-morrow.

CANTON NEWS.

THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT.

Canton, April 27.

The Board of Foreign Affairs has, in view of the secret import and sale of salt from foreign countries by dishonest merchants, considered it expedient to take steps against this malpractice which has the effect of diminishing the consumption of Chinese salt. The Board has consulted on the matter with the various foreign ministers at Peking and has signed a treaty between China and the foreign countries against the import and sale of foreign salt.

ANOTHER CANTON OUTRAGE.

It would be foolish to disassociate the attack on the Vice-regal Yamen at Canton from the dastardly murder of the Tartar General, and we fear we must credit or discredit the Ke Ming Tang, the "Revolutionists by the Grace of God," with this latest outrage. We need scarcely emphasise the serious nature of the situation. Were the attack merely the work of irresponsible individuals the British Consul General would not, as he is re-

ported to have done, warned Hongkong against sending steamers to the Shumen. Undoubtedly the City of Rams is thickly impregnated with dangerous revolutionaries, who will stop at little to gain their ends. We may congratulate ourselves on having so strong a Viceroy in power, and we earnestly trust that His Excellency will escape further outrage at the hands of his enemies. His troops evidently have stood by him in this case and have not been guilty of the deplorable cowardice which disgraced the unfortunate Tartar General's escort. We would feel easier in our minds, however, were the troops of the southern command replaced by men of the Peiping army. It is an excellent policy to garrison a disaffected district with troops of a different nationality or caste, beside which the Northern troops are the finest in the Empire. However, the Viceroy is a capable and spirited ruler and will use his power ably and well.

The situation, of course, has a direct bearing on Hongkong. We have before assisted in the capacity of looker-on at a struggle between rival Chinese forces. This was when the Taipings and the Imperialists fought fiercely at Kowloon and took and re-took Kowloon city. Eventually their war fleets were expelled the Harbour by this government. We do not want a similar experience now. There is also a word of warning to be given to the Chinese residents of the Colony. They have mooted the idea of holding a huge procession in honour of King George on Coronation Day. We think they would be well advised to abandon the project. It would, very carefully considered, we were naturally surprised that the negotiations should have taken this turn. It is not, however, for us to move further in the matter, but it is to be regretted that a union of interests could not be arranged, thereby reducing the percentage of charges all round, as it is only by amalgamation that the charge ratio can be so reduced without impairing efficiency. This argument applies equally to ourselves, our affiliated Company and the North China Insurance Company. The report has been in your hands for some weeks, and I will therefore with your permission take it as read. You will observe that the accounts are stated somewhat differently from those of last year; this is done in order to bring the form more up to date. You will also notice that the auditors' certificate is also brought up to date. The Premium Income for 1909, as also the balance of Working Account, shows a satisfactory increase as compared with that of the previous year, despite the fact that the rate of exchange at which sterling takings have been transposed into dollars for the purpose of the report is 1.2d. higher. The increase in our takings is partly due to improved trade during the period under review and partly to advances in rates in several directions brought about by concerted action of Companys and the leading members of Lloyd's. This points to greater unanimity amongst underwriters than heretofore, but a great deal has still to be done in this direction before business can be considered to be really on a satisfactory basis. You will notice that we have been able to strengthen our Investment Fluctuation Account more than sufficient to allow for any likely fall in the value of sterling securities. The Exchange Fluctuation Account will not disappear unless a belief that the terms offered were sufficient does not make them less sound. And if the elimination of competition and the reduction of working expenses, only possible under existing conditions by amalgamation, are desirable in the interests of our joint businesses, and in view of the peculiarities and risks of insurance work in the world, I am inclined to doubt if the matter can or should rest where it now is. Shareholders in the North China are disappointed that the terms of the Union offer and the ground upon which it was refused were not notified to them. It does seem somewhat extraordinary. I believe that there has been some considerable misunderstanding as to the objects and value of the Offer. It appears to have been thought that the Union was in a bad way and was in need of North China reserves. That the Union could not keep up its dividend at that generally we needed bolstering up and so forth, Sir. It is admitted that the

COMPANY MEETINGS.

THE UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

The thirty-eighth ordinary annual meeting of shareholders in the above Company was held at noon Wednesday in Queen's Building. Mr. G. H. Medhurst, Chairman of Directors, presided. Others present were Messrs. A. Forbes, E. Ormiston, J. W. C. Bonnar, C. R. Lenzmann, H. A. Siebs, G. Balloch, Fr. Lieb, G. Friesland, (directors), A. B. Rouse, T. F. Hough, W. Dunbar, Rev. L. Robert, A. V. Apcar, A. R. Lowe, W. E. Clarke, A. G. Coppin, J. Gardiner, L. Berindaigne, Ho Fook, W. Hutton Potts, J. Siemens, F. Smyth, P. Tester, A. Shelton Hooper, A. H. Harris, C. D. Wilkinson, J. W. Taylor, G. C. Moxon, H. Humphreys and C. Montague Ede (secretary).

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting,

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—Before proceeding to the business of the meeting I have to inform you that the negotiations for amalgamation with the North China Insurance Company, of which you were advised in a circular dated 11th January last, have come to an abrupt end, the Directors of that Company having refused to entertain our proposal, stating that the Company was not for sale. In view of the fact that the

figure offered was arrived at after very careful consideration, we were naturally surprised that the negotiations should have taken this turn. It is not, however, for us to move further in the matter, but it is to be regretted that a union of interests could not be arranged, thereby reducing the percentage of charges all round, as it is only by amalgamation that the charge ratio can be so reduced without impairing efficiency. This argument applies equally to ourselves, our affiliated Company and the North China Insurance Company. The report has been in your hands for some weeks, and I will therefore with your permission take it as read. You will observe that the accounts are stated somewhat differently from those of last year; this is done in order to bring the form more up to date. You will also notice that the auditors' certificate is also brought up to date. The Premium Income for 1909, as also the balance of Working Account, shows a satisfactory increase as compared with that of the previous year, despite the fact that the rate of exchange at which sterling takings have been transposed into dollars for the purpose of the report is 1.2d. higher. The increase in our takings is partly due to improved trade during the period under review and partly to advances in rates in several directions brought about by concerted action of Companys and the leading members of Lloyd's. This points to greater unanimity amongst underwriters than heretofore, but a great deal has still to be done in this direction before business can be considered to be really on a satisfactory basis. You will notice that we have been able to strengthen our Investment Fluctuation Account more than sufficient to allow for any likely fall in the value of sterling securities. The Exchange Fluctuation Account will not disappear unless a belief that the terms offered were sufficient does not make them less sound. And if the elimination of competition and the reduction of working expenses, only possible under existing conditions by amalgamation, are desirable in the interests of our joint businesses, and in view of the peculiarities and risks of insurance work in the world, I am inclined to doubt if the matter can or should rest where it now is. Shareholders in the North China are disappointed that the terms of the Union offer and the ground upon which it was refused were not notified to them. It does seem somewhat extraordinary. I believe that there has been some considerable misunderstanding as to the objects and value of the Offer. It appears to have been thought that the Union was in a bad way and was in need of North China reserves. That the Union could not keep up its dividend at that generally we needed bolstering up and so forth, Sir. It is admitted that the

to justify this hope. The divisible balance for the year is \$337,782.87, which we recommend should be appropriated as follows:—The payment of a final dividend of \$20 per share, the addition to Sterling Reserve Fund of \$10,000 and the carrying forward of the balance to Underwriting Suspense Account.

The figures for 1910 are quite satisfactory, showing as they do a steady increase, and your Directors feel that they are quite justified in recommending the payment of an interim dividend of \$30 per share and a bonus of 20 per cent. on contributory business.

You will be glad to hear that while giving shareholders and contributors full consideration we have not forgotten our staff, through whose unremitting efforts the Society maintains its premier position. We have voted bonus of 15 per cent. of a year's salary to the Provident Fund of each member who is in our service on the 30th of this month.

Before proposing the adoption of the report I shall be glad to know if any shareholder wishes to ask any questions.

There being no questions, the Chairman proposed that the report and accounts as presented be adopted and passed.

In seconding the above motion, Mr. Harris said:

Sir, it is not necessary nor is this the place to go further into details of misunderstandings and errors in order to make clear the reasons and the value of the offer made by the Union to the North China. Speaking in 1907 Mr. D. R. Law, whom many of us miss in Hongkong, said "I would further congratulate the Directors for the absorption of the China Traders Marine Insurance Society; controlled by us both Companies will greatly benefit in every way and I think we may look forward to an era of continued and increasing prosperity." Sir, those forecasts have been amply verified since the year in which they were made. May we not use similar language to the prosperity to a union of the North China with ourselves? Amalgamation, Sir, I think, must come; the common interests of Far Eastern residents demand it; the nature of present day business methods, press for it. If the policy underlying the affiliation proposition is a sound one, and there has been no attempt made to prove that it is unsound, it is for shareholders to move in the matter. We all value security and good dividends, Directors as well as poor shareholders. I think we may thank the Directors for the interest they show in our business.

Carried nem con.

On the motion of Mr. Carvalho, seconded by Mr. Cunha, Messrs. Jeffries and Lowe were re-elected auditors.

The Chairman—That's all the business, gentlemen.

Mr. Forbes seconded.

Carried unanimously.

Mr. Ede proposed and Mr.

COMPANY MEETING.

GEO. FENWICK AND CO., LTD.

The twenty-second ordinary general meeting of Geo. Fenwick and Co., Ltd., was held at the Hongkong Hotel Saturday, Mr. P. Tester, chairman, presiding. The other shareholders present were Mr. A. Rodger, (director) and Messrs. J. Rodger, Ho Fook, J. H. Soth, J. D. Kinnaid, Lo Cheung Shui, and J. McCorquodale, with Mr. J. I. Andrew, (general manager). The general manager read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said: "Gentlemen—As you have doubtless studied the report and accounts already, I will, with your permission, take them as read. It is with much regret that your directors again come before you with such a poor and unsatisfactory report, but I will claim your attention whilst I give you a short account of what has led to this disappointing result. To start with, I do not think it necessary for me to dwell on the continued depression under which the Colony is now lying, but nevertheless this depression is very naturally reflected on the working of a concern such as ours, and tends to aggravate the severity of competition. Ordinary competition we can face, but instances have come before your Board during the year of competition of such a nature as is hardly credible. In spite of this we secured a fair share of the business that was going during the year, but owing to the number of similar concerns in the field we have been compelled to accept prices which only left the barest margin of profit. At the beginning of the year we had hopes of being able to at least pay our way, but portions of our North Point property, which were then let on lease, were later on vacated, and offers of a reduction of 20 per cent. in the rent failed to secure a continuation of the tenancies, so that our hopes of North Point itself contributing to the defrayment of its heavy charges were dispelled. Added to this the Government suddenly discovered that when making the final adjustments after the completion of the reclamation at North Point and assessing the value of the lot they had omitted to charge for the pier site, and had also failed to collect the Crown rent for the six years the property has been in our possession. Thus it is that our properties have been increased to the extent of \$369.55, the cost of the pier site, and our working account has had to be saddled with the six years' rent of it, amounting to \$900. Another drain on our working account was the sinking of one of our launches on 8th October last. She was carrying some baulks of timber, a class of work by no means beyond her power, and indeed for which she is properly fitted, when she suddenly foundered off the shore at Yaumati. The cost of raising her and the necessary repairs ran us into another \$900. You will observe that interest account shows a debit this year of \$318.24 against a credit of \$27.21 last year, so that this and the unfortunate incidents to which I have alluded more than make up the debit shown on the actual working. Before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts as presented I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions relating thereto."

No questions being asked, the Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. Ho Fookseconded. Carried. Mr. J. Rodger proposed, and Mr. McCorquodale seconded, that Mr. P. Tester be re-elected director. Carried.

On the proposition of Mr. Lo Cheung Shui, seconded by Mr. Kinnaid, Mr. H. Porey Smith was re-elected auditor.

The Chairman: That is all the business, gentlemen. I regret the report is so bad, and as usual, the directors have foregone their fees. I thank you for your attendance.

The report of the company was as follows:—The directors beg to submit their report and statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1910. It is with much regret that your directors have again to report an adverse year, the loss on working amounting to \$1,028.30, which, added to the debit of last year's account,

and the charges incurred during the year at North Point property increases the debit balance to \$20,734.88. This is causing your directors some anxiety, and they will shortly come before you with special resolutions to deal with the Company's position. According to the articles of association, Mr. P. Tester now retires, but, being eligible, offers himself for re-election. The accounts have been audited by Mr. H. Porey Smith, F.C.A., who offers himself for re-election.

HONGKONG'S GROWING INDUSTRY.

SEA GRASS FURNITURE.

Rattan furniture has been manufactured in the East and exported throughout the world for many years, says the "Hongkong Daily News." Furniture from bamboo, either whole or split, or both, has been made for centuries, and has had some sale abroad, although it has never been so popular for chairs, sofas, and tables as rattan. About six years ago a Hongkong chair manufacturer sold considerable quantities of chairs and other articles of furniture made from bamboo and other woods, wrapped with a large twine or fine rope manufactured from twisted sea-grass. This furniture was as strong as rattan and bamboo, and its cost was considerably below rattan. There is no limit in China to the amount of raw material for this sea-grass furniture. The grass grows wild in enormous quantities in the marsh lands along the sea between Hongkong and Canton and in all that part of China. The grass is cut by the natives, sun-dried, and sold dry. It is made into twine or small rope of about 200-foot lengths, and is sold by the picul of 133-1/3 pounds. In general the twine is produced in three grades—the ordinary grade, used chiefly for coarse work; the extra quality for finer work on chairs; and the fine quality, used chiefly on tables and similar articles. While the grass, generally, has a uniform light-green colour, and presents a good appearance when made up in its natural shape; there are variations in some grades and under some conditions, so that usually the grass is stained when being made up into furniture. The United States, Canada, and South Africa are importing considerable quantities of sea-grass and rattan furniture from Hongkong, and large quantities find a rapid sale at all the treaty ports in China. It is a growing industry worthy of every support.

HOW TO PREVENT MALARIA.

D. Chen Su Lau, in a lecture on malaria, given in Singapore, said that in Malaya generally, malaria was bad, and in Singapore, owing to the crowded condition of the population, it was particularly so. Then they had in nearly all the rubber estates large numbers of immigrants, fresh from China dying at a great rate.

After a brief reference to the history of the investigation into the nature of malaria, he showed how it was caused from the bite of the fever-carrying mosquito. In this he was rather cautious, as when he said there could be no malaria without threat hings—the "thang, mang, lung," i.e. the parasite, the mosquito, and the human. He warned people to avoid encouraging the breeding of mosquitoes near their dwellings and showed how they breed and feed in stagnant water, and liked dark, damp, sunless places, where no wind or fresh air could get, and strongly advised the filling of swamps and disused wells, with the burying or removal of all old tins or pieces of crockery, or anything however small which could hold water, also to brush away all cobwebs from their rooms once a week, and do whitewashing rather than dark colour washing for their houses inside, and let them bear as much sunshine and air as possible everywhere. To this end he said they should thin their trees in their compounds and estates. Then for sleeping they should live upstairs rather than down.

Mr. John H. Boyd of Messrs. J. P. Wild & Co., of New York, arrived by the Mongolia from Manila this morning.

OUR LETTER BOX.

THE CHINESE PRESS.

To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."

Dear Sir,—On the 18th inst. your paper reproduced a so-called telegram from Peking which had been published by the Chinese newspaper "Shoung-Po," concerning a supposed action of the French Government with regard to the province of Yunnan. The commentary which you gave of that extraordinary piece of news was quite correct in its first part, but I was extremely surprised to see that the last sentence was not emanating from an English journalist—but what might be friendly inasmuch as you could not fail to know that most news published in the contemptible Chinese press are a tissue of childish absurdities, which seem to have but one aim, viz., to excite an ignorant and stupid mob against all foreigners, irrespective of nationalities.

My surprise was still greater when I read in your issue of last night another piece of news of the same quality as the former one, for the veracity of your own correspondent at Canton is this time responsible: that now idiotic invention concerning the supposed action of France at Nanning (Kwangsi) is evidently of Chinese origin. The snarl of it is so nasty that it cannot possibly be mistaken.

As the propagation of such nonsense is not only wicked in its purpose but might possibly lead to some evil result, I beg you to be kind enough to publish the present letter as a formal denial of such ridiculous lies.

I am, &c.,
GASTON LIEBERT,
Consul for France,
at Hongkong.

THE PLAGUE.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE.

At the session of the International Plague Conference, on April 10, Dr. Broquet, the French delegate, announced some important results of his experiments and his conclusions are: (1) there is little fear of infection before cough appears; (2) the greatest danger of infection exists when the cough does appear, even when no sputum is seen; and (3) proper masking including goggles is of the utmost importance. The last conclusion corroborates what Dr. Wu Lien-teh announced three months ago.

Dr. Zabala read an interesting paper on the Infectivity of Corpses. It was shown that living bacilli could be found in corpses three months after burial in ground, and rats seem to get infected in this manner underground. Hence, the vital importance of burning corpses.

Dr. Koudsevich, an assistant professor at the Medical Institute of St. Petersburg also read a paper entitled "Morbid Anatomy of Phthisis Plague," with special reference to the mode of entry of the organism. He maintained that out of the 28 post mortem examinations he had made, he had in every case found marked changes, both naked-eye and microscopical, in the tonsils and lymphatics. The tissues of the tonsil showed diffuse infiltration, and the follicles had big nodules of bacilli in them, just the same as tubercles, which fact showed specific alterations. He believed that from these follicles the bacilli got into the lymphatic and blood system and so into the lungs. In other words, the lung affection was only a secondary one and the present epidemic was rather a septicemic than a pneumonic one.

Dr. Andrew, of Chingwangtao, opened the discussion on Rats. He gave an account of his observations of the Rat Population of North China. Between June 1909 and September 1910 he had examined over 3,000 rats in Tongshan. He had adopted measures to preserve the fleas as far as possible. All the rats were mous. Documanus. He had counted the fleas during the same period, and had worked the results into a curve, which showed that there was a seasonal prevalence of the rat flea in the autumn months. The only species of flea he had found was pulic. Cleopix. He considered that his investigations pointed to the fact that bubonic plague in North China was not to be expected until autumn, if at all.

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COMMERCIAL.

HONGKONG SHARES.

Messrs. E. S. Kadewe & Co. report:—Business during the week under review has been very restricted, due no doubt in a large measure to the Easter holidays.

Rubber.—London quotes the price of fine hard Parrot, £.1.2d. per pound, and the week having also been broken at Home, London quotations have been few in number. Several of the leading companies are reported to have paid very substantial dividends, and this may have a strengthening effect on the London market.

SINGAPORE SHARES.

The weekly circular of Messrs. Fraser and Co., for the week of April 13, states:—

During another quiet week which has passed since our last report, rubbers have experienced slight decline, and business has been confined chiefly to the sterling shares. Mining and industrial stocks, however, have received more attention, and several of the leading tin stocks have been in good demand at advancing prices.

Rubber.—Malacca Preference have been placed at £9.7s. 6d. Lapadrons subscribers 9s. 3d. Straits Rubber £5.8s. Bukit Kajangs 5s. Ledburys 70s., and the part paid shares 3s. premium. Linggis have been done at 4s. 9d. Vallambros 3s. 9d. Consolidated Malays 2s. Morlimans 4s. 6d. Horrocks 4s. 10s. 1d. 2s. to 5s. 2d. Chersonese 4s. to 3s. 10d. Rubber Estates of Krian 3s. 5d.; Batang Malakas 2s. 9d. Chimpulu 1s. 6d., and Duff's 12s. 3d. Among the dollar shares, in which few transactions have taken place, Ibagohs have changed hands at \$10.50, Singapores and Johores \$2. Radelles \$10.50, New Singapores \$5.50 to \$6.60, Ayer Panu \$5.10 to \$5.20, New Sororians \$2.07. 1.2, Malakofas \$1.90 and Pantais \$1.15.

Mining.—The feature of this section has been the strong demand for Tronols, which close at \$20 ex. dividend. Kintas have been placed at \$17 with further buyers. Bolata, Kuantans and Kamaboi are wanted at quotations, but few shares are on offer.

General.—Steamships have been placed at \$235 ex. dividend and Shells at \$1s. 6d. Riley, Har- greaves have changed hands at \$95 and Maynards \$27 with buyers over in each case. Straits Trade are easier at \$50 and Fraser and Neves are steady at \$30.

DREDGING THE SHA-HO.

WORK TO BE BARRIED OUT AT FATSHAN.

(THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT.)

Canton, April 20.

The river bed of the Sha-ho, at Fat Shan, is notorious for the sand banks which not only block up the waterway, but endanger navigation. The place has repeatedly been dredged, but every time the work has ended in failure. The Yen Yick Company have now petitioned the Canton Prefect for permission to remove the sand and manufacture bricks from it.

The petitioners also undertake to dredge the river, but beg to be allowed to obtain funds from the Dredging Bureau which has been long established at Fat Shan, to meet the annual expenditure of removing the sand. The scheme, if approved, will suit two purposes. The Canton Prefect has instructed the authorities in Fat Shan to consider the petition with the local chamber of commerce, and report.

YUNNAN FRONTIER.

APPLICATION FOR AMMUNITION.

(THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT.)

Canton, April 20.

H.E. the Vicroy of Yunnan has telegraphed to the Army Board for the supply of 3,000,000 rounds of ammunition in case of hostilities with British troops stationed at Piennan, and also in case of the rising of native rebels.

The Army Board in turn has telegraphed to its Canton Vicerey enquiring whether the Canton arsenal has a stock of ammunition sufficient to meet the demands of the Yunnan Vicerey, and if not to kindly hurry on it the making of the supply.

A BUSINESS TOUR.

COMMERCIAL DELEGATIONS IN MANILA.

The S.S. Mongolia, which reached port Saturday morning, brought to the Philippine Islands commercial delegations from Chicago and Omaha, among a very large contingent of passengers.

Some of the leading men of the commercial communities represented are among the party, which is a sort of half-brother of the late delegation from the Chambers of Commerce of the Pacific coast towns.

The names of the representatives are as follows:

From Chicago.—Mr. A. B. Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Curtis, Mr. H. D. Curtis, Jr., Mr. Kenneth Curtis, Miss June Mesmer, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Flynn, Mr. John Paul Goode, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Hankey, Mr. R. R. Lake, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lenfestey, Miss Margaret Smith, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Osborn, Miss Jane Spaulding, Miss Mary Spaulding, Miss Anna Rothschild, Mr. F. W. Shepardson, Miss Theresa Rothschild, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Spicer, Miss Alice Sayer, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Spofford, Master Charles Spofford, Mr. E. J. Merville, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Taylor, Master Harold Taylor.

From New York.—Mr. C. W. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Phillip, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. J. Root.

From Omaha, Nebraska.—Mr. and Mrs. David Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Gould Dietz, Mrs. Olive Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Kinsler, Des Moines, Iowa.—Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Younker.

From St. Louis, Missouri.—Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Garrison.

MR. R. SHEWAN AND THE PHILIPPINES.

Sidelight on Partnership.

No visitor to Manila in recent years has expressed himself more favorably over commercial and industrial prospects in the Philippine Islands than Mr. Robert Shawan, senior member of the well-known firm of Shawan, Tomes, and Co. of Hongkong, who sailed on the steamer Tamang after a brief visit to the Philippines Islands. Shawan, Tomes, and Co. are one of the oldest established business firms in the Orient, among their principal agencies being the Philippines Steamship Company recently organized here under the American flag, and the Green Island Cement Company, who manufacture the excellent brand of cement which goes under that name, says the "Cablenews-American."

Mr. Shawan has been in the Orient thirty years now, but this was his first visit to Manila, and he says that it was both a revelation and a surprise to him. The progress made by the Americans in the Philippine Islands during the short time they have been in control he said, "has been indeed marvellous; their efforts, to say the least, have been crowned with success in every direction. Your city is a marvel of cleanliness, your drives are delightful, and words can hardly express my surprise and appreciation of beautiful Baguio and her many allurements. The trip alone is one of the finest that I have ever had the pleasure of taking, the scenery along the Benguet road being the grandest and most picturesque I have ever seen."

"While at Baguio I was a guest of the Governor General, who impressed me as a very fine man, full of energy and enthusiasm and with heart and soul wrapped up in his work.

"From what I have seen and heard during my stay here, it looks to be as if you Americans are now beginning to reap the harvest of your years of labour and endeavour, and certainly your possibilities seem to be unlimited. If you keep on going at your present rate your exports of hemp, copra, and several other agricultural products will soon be the largest in the world. I believe this country to be an ideal one for investments, particularly in the agricultural field."

"The labour problem seems to be the principal stumbling block to agricultural progress in the Philippine Islands, but I believe that a wise Chinese immigration law would soon solve that problem to the satisfaction of all parties concerned.

"As regards the case of collision between the Tai Ping steamer flying the Portuguese flag and the Po Wo steam launch in the waters of Kong-nun at the end of last year, H.E. the Viceroy instructed the Customs Commissioned at Kong-nun to try the case. The Commissioner's judgment is that both are to blame for carelessness, which brought about the collision. The Commissioner has communicated with the Portuguese Consul at Shanghai and received a reply recognising the judgment of the Commissioner as just and proper.

Some days ago, the steamer Kwai Lee was caught smuggling arms and ammunition, and detained in the Tai Chau Customs.

The gunboat Chai Si has now been despatched to the scene to take charge of the seizure.

As the result of the news in native papers that the question of the delimitation of the boundaries between Macao and China will be submitted to The Hague for settlement, the society upholding the question has telegraphed to the Board of Foreign Affairs, declaring that, if the news be correct, they oppose such a way of deciding the question. H.E. the Canton Vicerey is in receipt of a telegram from the Board denying having made the suggestion, and requesting the Vicerey to inform the gentry and merchants of same, so as to remove anxiety.

MEN OF STRAW.

Sidelight on Partnership.

Our attention has been called to a very interesting matter in connection with the new partnership Ordinance which suggests to us that its scope is not as ample as could be wished.

For the most part, as we point out in our editorial columns, it is an excellent measure, but we would like to know how the law proposes to deal with the men of straw who almost invariably appear in Chinese concerns. For instance, for various reasons, three men, one only of whom is "substantial," agree to start a firm. The shares are issued and held by the three partners but the capital has been subscribed solely by the one substantial unit of the trinity.

"The progress made by the Americans in the Philippine Islands during the short time they have been in control" he said, "has been indeed marvellous; their efforts, to say the least, have been crowned with success in every direction. Your city is a marvel of cleanliness, your drives are delightful, and words can hardly express my surprise and appreciation of beautiful Baguio and her many allurements. The trip alone is one of the finest that I have ever had the pleasure of taking, the scenery along the Benguet road being the grandest and most picturesque I have ever seen."

Under the old system if the connection of any one of the partners could be established with the bankrupt firm he could be made liable for the full amount. Under the new ordinance this employment of men of straw will lend itself to abuses of grave nature. A firm of three or four or five partners might be registered, and when it failed three might be found to be bankrupt, thus avoiding payment of the greater proportion of their debts. It is not our business to suggest how this danger should be obviated. We may safely leave that to the Hon. Attorney General.

CANTON NEWS

[SPECIAL ARTICLE.]

AN EXPERIENCE IN MONGOLIA.

SNOWED UP; HUNGUTZE, AND GOOD SPORT.

Four of us left Tientsin, with servants and a baggage. We intended a trip in Mongolia for winter shooting. The first was a member of the British Legation staff, the second one of the oldest residents in North China, an engineer who had helped to mount the big gun that in the hands of the Boxers shelled Tientsin, the third, the first partner in a well-known hong, and one of the best shots north of Shanghai, and the fourth, the present writer, a poor scribe. Our armoury was extensive, and one of the party carried fishing lines. Tuned food, cordials, whisky and brandy, and, of course, furs in plenty made up most of our cargo, for all had been in the interior before—one had walked across to Tibet—and were prepared to use the Chinese chow procurable along the road-way and in the inns.

This short article is not going to be an itinerary of our journey; merely a passing reference to an incident or two.

Shortly after we had dropped down into the desert of Mongolia from the splendid hills surrounding Kalgan, alive with the baggage-trains going south and north, carrying tea and skins and piecemeal goods and a thousand other articles on the backs of the swaying camels, the fisherman of the party, with that extraordinary enthusiasm that envelops the disciples of Isaac Walton, lay in wait for the finny denizens of a tumbling stream. He nearly lost his life in two different ways. First, he was pulled into the water by a huge fish and very nearly drowned, losing his line and being swept across to the other side. We never saw the fish, but neighbouring Chinese assured us that large specimens were plentiful. Shortly afterwards the same unfortunate member of the party, having rejoined us across a swinging bridge of rope and fibre stumbled upon and charged by a wild pig, a big creature, much bigger than the Indian variety. The animal was shot, however, and carried in triumph to our first halting place, a dirty little inn with paper windows.

We had brought two Australian greyhounds with us, proposing to course them on horseback, but the ground was not suitable here, so they were sent back to Kalgan. Small game abounded, furred and feathered, and we had excellent shooting. Later on in about two weeks, they became more scarce, owing doubtless to the severity of the weather, (eight degrees below zero!) but pig and deer were to be found. These, however, were not the only things hunted. We ourselves came in for a turning of the tables, and had to fly for our lives.

It was towards the end of our journey, which took us well into Mongolia, that we first came across the Hungutze, or Red Bearded Robbers of the North. They are the fierce terrors of brigandage, waging a relentless war against all, while appearing as farmers. Like the Boers their arms are always with them but generally out of sight, hidden in the kaoliang, (millet) under the firewood pile, in the thatch of the house. We met our band when a long way from the village. It had evidently been on a raiding trip towards Urga, and was well mounted. Luckily as we were we, and while one of our grooms received a slight wound we succeeded in reaching an inn without other hurt. The Red Beards, mounted on high-pinked Chinese saddles so that they towered above their ponies, and waving their rifles in the air—most of them from Germany—presented a sufficiently impressive sight. It impressed us, any way, with the need for what is called on the stage “quick exit.”

That night, a most appalling snow storm began and lasted nearly a week, during which we were cooped up in the inn, sleeping on the floor, or mud bed built round the stove pipe; about three feet high, side by side not only with our own boys and mafous, but with Mongols, traders, carriers, camel drivers, and the general riff-raff one meets with in a Chinese inn. It was warm, but unbigenic. Our bedding never removed, any

clothing, and never washed; food was cooked on the same stove and mostly with the same utensils, and had it not been for the fact that we carried a Buriat cooking pot we would not have enjoyed ourselves even as little as we did. These cooking pots are formed of two cylindrical vessels, one inside the other, and some two inches less in diameter, thus allowing a space between their sides. In the small inside pot a charcoal fire is made, while the space between it and the outer is filled with water, chopped vegetables and meat. Soon a huge soup is ready, but is not drunk yet. The other ingredients of the repast are spread out raw on a handy table, fish, cut-up, chicken-or-duck-or-beef in small pieces, and then the pot and stove combined is placed in the centre of the main table and the diners proceed to cook their solids in the simmering soup. They do so by skewering the various pieces with forks or chop sticks according as they or all three together fancy fish or meat or a toothsome vegetable and boiling it. All work together and by the time the raw edibles are all gone, (and those Buriat pots are quick cookers), the soup is of a consistency to make the heart rejoice. This is then drunk and the repast, a most satisfying one, is over. Those cooking pots are simple of construction and easy to handle, and I recommend them to those whose love of sport takes them far afield. Used at home where a greater variety of viands may be obtained they lead one to overdo it a little, for I have never eaten food so good as that which came piping hot on a chop stick from the bubbling Buriat soup. The Burians themselves are a nomad tribe from the far North, splendid horsemen and trappers, but dirty in the extreme.

Our health suffered a good deal during the confinement caused by the weeks of snow, and we did not proceed further into the country when at last released. By easy stages we reached Kalgan again, and so run down into Peking and civilisation as represented—and very well represented it is—by the Hotel des Wagons Lits.

Our journey took us direct from Kalgan, roughly parallel with the South Manchuria Railway, but of course many hundreds of miles in it. We thus came into the splendid pasture and grazing lands surrounding the source of the Liao River, where thousands of nomads have their flocks, and where grains of many kinds are also grown. The snow except in an actual storm does not interfere with sport, the high winds of the plateau preventing it settling. The atmosphere although bitterly cold as regards meteorological readings is by reason of its dryness not unpleasant, but Heaven send the sportsman from a really steady Gobi desert dust-storm. Yellow and gritty and persistent, it darkens the world like a London fog, and fills every crevice and wrinkle in the body with sand that not even window sashes plugged with cotton wool and pasted over with paper can keep out. The mails were those despatched from Hongkong on the 21st inst.

The Company's office in Shang-hai communicated with the America Maru, which at once proceeded to the scene of the accident. The American fleet is also on its way to assist. Further details have not yet reached Hongkong.

THE CORONATION.

JAPANESE ROYALTY HERE.

T. I. H. Prince and Princess Higashi-Fushimi, who will represent the Emperor of Japan at the Coronation of King George V, have arrived here by the N. Y. K. S. Kanu Maru.

With them are Admiral Togo and General Nogi, Count Toda, Grand Master of Ceremony, and other members of the Japanese delegation to the Coronation.

Prince and Princess Higashi Fushimi, who are to represent the Emperor and Empress of Japan at the Coronation, go first to Paris until June 18, when they leave the French capital for London, where they will remain about ten days. Their Imperial Highnesses will then return home, visiting en route Berlin, Rome, Vienna, and other European capitals. Their complete suite is as follows: Admiral Count Togo, General Count Nogi, Count Toda (Grand Master of Ceremonies), Miss Miyako, Mr. Watanabe (Master of Ceremonies), Lieutenant-Colonel Yoshida, Commander Taniguchi, Lieutenant Commander Kiyokawa, aide-de-camp to His Imperial Highness.

Admiral Count Heihachiro Togo, and General Count Uare-Suke Nogi are warriors whose names will stand immortal in the naval and military annals of Japan, and yet to casually see them in the orthodox sartorial equipment of the day one would not credit them with having practically made a nation. Both are unassuming gentlemen; quiet in demeanour, unostentatious, iron-grey of hair, sturdy of build. Both have passed the three-score mark in years, but age sits lightly. Of the two General Nogi is the taller. Admiral Togo is a thick-set man, with a small iron-gray goatee on a firm chin. General Nogi runs more to a beard—iron grey, too, but he looks older than the Admiral. He is two years younger, having been born in 1849. Admiral Togo saw the light in 1847, which makes him 64.

Commander Taniguchi is the A.D.C., and speaks fluent English, Admiral Togo also speaks English, but, as Commander Taniguchi remarked, it is difficult to get him into conversation in that language—or even in Japanese. Like most men of action the Admiral and the General both prefer to keep their thoughts to themselves—and therefore readers are deprived from having illuminating opinions upon several questions that they would dearly like such men as those to speak upon.

THE S.S. ASIA ASHORE.

PASSENGERS AND MAIIS TAKEN OFF.

The P. M. Company's s.s. Asia is ashore on Finger Rock.

As far as can be gathered the accident occurred Sunday.

The passengers and mails are reported to have been safely taken off. The mails were those despatched from Hongkong on the 21st inst.

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WORLD'S NEWS.

THE ANGLO-JAPANESE TREATY.

London, Apr. 11.—In reply to a question in the House of Commons, Mr. Sydney Buxton, President of the Board of Trade, stated that as the result of the new Anglo-Japanese Treaty British goods imported into Japan would never be treated in any way less advantageously than those of other countries.

WELSH HOME RULE.

London, Apr. 10.—Mr. E. T. John, a Welsh Liberal M.P., in the course of a speech said that Wales should be considered before Ireland in regard to the Home Rule question. Now that the Upper House was weighed down under the burden of important questions, declared the speaker, it would be most improper to endeavour to effect the passage of the Irish Home Rule Bill, and no words could be

SUPREME COURT.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

The Criminal Sessions were opened at the Supreme Court on Monday. His Lordship the Chief Justice, Sir Francis Piggott, presiding.

ALLEGED SEDITIOUS PUBLICATION.

Kwong King, Li Chan and Chung Ching were indicted on charges of having published for sale on the 4th March last a book called “Pak Wu Shing Lo Ku” containing seditious matter embodied in a song entitled “Manchus and Chings Stabbed” calculated to excite tumult and disorder in China and to excite persons to crime in Chiqu. Mr. G. Alabaster, instructed by Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Crown Solicitor, prosecuted and Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Mr. P. S. Dixon, from Mr. R. A. Harding's office, appeared for the defence.

The following jury was sworn in:—Messrs. T. E. Pearce (foreman), J. F. Van Rees, D. Doward, G. L. Daines, F. Frisk, S. Goldschmidt and G. W. Gegg.

Mr. Alabaster in opening the case for the Crown stated that we live on the edge of an Empire which was in friendship with our own. We enjoyed the protection of a code of laws which was different from that of the Empire so near to us. All who lived in the Colony enjoyed that protection, although many were natives of the neighbouring Empire. Therefore, they could not allow Hongkong to be used as an asylum for the purpose of inciting persons to crime against the ruling powers of the neighbouring Empire. Accordingly, the Legislature of the Colony, following the principle of an Order-in-Council, passed an Ordinance providing any person printing, publishing or offering for sale matter calculated to incite persons to tumult or disorder or excite persons to crime in China shall be guilty of an offence. The charge against the prisoners were that they published and offered for sale on the 4th March last matter calculated to incite persons to tumult and disorder in China and to excite persons to crime in China. The facts of the case were these. All the prisoners were employed in a druggist's store. The first prisoner was a partner in the firm—he might not be the only partner; he was the managing partner, he believed. The second prisoner was a fok, while the third prisoner was an accountant. On the 4th of March, a Chinese policeman bought a book from the second defendant. On the 30th March, other copies of the book were bought and an enormous number of books were found on the premises. All the three defendants were there. All were charged with selling books on both dates. All admitted having sold the books. It was for the jury to say whether the language used was calculated to incite tumult and disorder in China or whether it was calculated to excite persons to crime in China. The Crown's submission was that it was calculated to do both. The book contained a lot of harmless matter but it also contained what purported to be a song, which must have been written within the last year or two, because there were references to it in the child Emperor of China. The jury probably knew that the ruling race in China was not Chinese but Manchus. They invaded China about 300 years ago and swept away the Mings. They had occupied the Throne of China ever since that date. The majority of officials were Manchus. The song in question was entitled “Stabbed Manchu and Chings.” The sub-title was “A Dramatic Song.” At this point, Counsel proceeded to explain the procedure followed by the singer. A man sang a verse, then there was a certain amount of patter, and then he went on to another verse. His (Counsel's) friend, Mr. Potter, informed him that the song resembled a Greek play. The following were among the words and phrases appearing in the song: “Great injury has been done in Kwangtung. All the people of Kwangtung are made poor. I hate these shaggy-haired devils, who are a wild tribe from the Chu Pak hills. They did not think that an enlightened Colonial legislature intended to fly in the face of the established law in England and to deprive a Chinese man of the right to think what he pleased and write what he pleased.”

Evidence was then called.

The Chinese policeman who purchased the book on the 4th of March spoke to having made the purchase.

Detective-Inspector Sullivan was next called.

Mr. Potter:—You are an Irishman, aren't you, Inspector?—I am.

Have you ever read any of the Dublin Nationalist papers?—Yes, sometimes.

Have you ever found such sentiments in the leading articles in the papers “Let the Irish people rise in their strength and throw off the English yoke”?—No, I have not.

Don't the papers publish articles wishing that Ireland might be free from English rule?—I know they are agitating for Home Rule (Laughter).

Mr. Alabaster—I don't know whether my friend is going to suggest that this ordinance is in force in Ireland.

Mr. Potter—There is a much stronger law in force, namely the Coercion Act.

Mr. Wong, from the Attorney-General's office, gave evidence of having translated the song in question.

Mr. Potter—Were you incited to tumult and disorder, Mr. Wong? (Laughter).

Witness—No.

You were not even partially induced to commit a crime?

Witness—No.

His Lordship—Mr. Wong is in the Attorney-General's office and it's clear he cannot commit a crime in China.

Mr. Potter—I know Mr. Wong will have suppressed any such desire but he might have been incited to it (Laughter).

In the course of the evidence, a point arose, and at the conclusion of the discussion, the Chief Justice said that he did not think the indictments established the charge of crime but that they might prove the charge of inciting tumult and disorder in China.

The Attorney-General contended that high treason constituted a crime and the defendants' action was a direct incentive to tumult or disorder. The jury had to say whether they thought that such publications as those, caused, or were intended to cause, the unfortunate occurrences which they heard of from time to time in China.

Mr. Potter—The jury have to decide no such thing. They have only to say whether the publication was likely to incite people to tumult and disorder. That was the intention of the writer of the song. The jury had to say whether they thought that such publications as those, caused, or were intended to cause, the unfortunate occurrences which they heard of from time to time in China.

Mr. Alabaster—I submit that at this stage another point arises on the question of the right of reply. Mr. Potter contended that it had been decided the right was vested in the Attorney-General but not an Acting Attorney-General.

Mr. Alabaster—I'm His Majesty's Attorney-General and I've been sworn in as such.

His Lordship—The point has already been decided by me. I can't go back on what I've already decided.

Mr. Alabaster—I submit that the point has been decided in my favour.

After a little time, his Lordship intimated that it was clear that the Acting Attorney-General had the same rights as the Attorney-General during the latter's absence on leave. The point he had decided applied only to one acting on behalf of the Attorney-General.

Mr. Alabaster—I only raised the point because I don't wish to have a precedent established while I'm acting as Attorney-General which will have future effect.

Mr. Potter in addressing the jury on behalf of the prisoners stated that his friend had referred to the benefits accruing to the Chinese under British rule in the Colony. If there was one benefit bestowed by English law, it was the right which allowed a person freedom of thought and speech.

He was entitled to put his thoughts on paper and issue it broadcast.

The right was given not only to the Englishman but to every foreigner who went to a British country.

That right was obtained through the instrument, known to English history. He did not think that an enlightened Colonial legislature intended to fly in the face of the established law in England and to deprive a Chinese man of the right to think what he pleased and write what he pleased.

REVENGE.

The case of Chang Hong, alias Chang Sat, who was charged with obtaining a registered letter, by means of a forged instrument, was soon dealt with, on his pleading guilty.

Mr. Alabaster appeared to prosecute while Mr. Potter defended.

The counsel for the prosecution said that the prisoner went to the post office on the 6th inst. and

plan. Why should eighty Chinese support one Manchu? We are in fact a pitiable people whose country is lost." The song also contained references to the "suckling," who occupied the Throne. Certain of the words of the song were printed in different type, which was obviously for the purpose of drawing the reader's attention thereto.

Evidence was then called.

The Chinese policeman who purchased the book on the 4th of March spoke to having made the purchase.

Detective-Inspector Sullivan was next called.

Mr. Potter:—You are an Irishman, aren't you, Inspector?—I am.

Have you ever read any of the Dublin Nationalist papers?—Yes, sometimes.

Have you ever found such sentiments in the leading articles in the papers "Let the Irish people rise in their strength and throw off the English yoke"?—No, I have not.

Don't the papers publish articles wishing that Ireland might be free from English rule?—I know they are agitating for Home Rule (Laughter).

His Lordship—I haven't seen these articles. If they had been published, the papers would have been prosecuted.

Mr. Potter—They have been published as a matter of fact.

His Lordship—You mustn't assume that.

Proceeding, Counsel argued that the law could not take away from a man the right to criticize fairly political affairs. The law only applied to literature calculated to tear down governments—literature whose only desire was rack and ruin and no desire to see one's country bettered.

After further remarks, Counsel asked the jury to acquit the prisoners.

Mr. Alabaster, replying for the Crown, said it was for the jury to say whether the publication in question fell within the words of the ordinance. He submitted that there could not be the slightest doubt whatever that the words of this "extremely filthy rag, which cannot arrogate to itself the rank of a leading article by a responsible editor of a respectable paper" were intended to stir the people. This filthy and scurrilous rag was calculated to excite persons in China to crime and rebellion, to tumult and disorder. That was the intention of the writer of the song. The jury had to say whether they thought that such publications as those, caused, or were intended to cause, the unfortunate occurrences which they heard of from time to time in China.

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SUPREME COURT.

ARMED ROBBERY.

Tuesday morning, the Chief Justice Sir Francis Piggott, continued the Assize and had before him Wong Hin and Pang Wa Hin, two men charged with armed robbery from one Cheung Ho.

The Acting Attorney-General, Mr. Alabaster prosecuted, and Mr. Potter defended the second prisoner.

Mr. Alabaster said that the two prisoners were charged under the section of the larceny act which says that any person who with others robs or assaults with intent to rob is guilty of a felony. The robbery was a serious one and in the course of it a servant girl who was in the house was chased out onto a verandah and was either thrown or fell into the street. She was picked up senseless, and conveyed to the hospital and has been kept there ever since. Not one of the people who were robbed, was able to identify any of the robbers. However he was calling one of the robbers, who had been convicted the previous day and was awaiting sentence. He had turned King's evidence. Counsel also proposed to call another man who his learned friend would suggest was another accomplice. As regards the first prisoner on his arrest, his premises were searched and two gags, two knives, and a piece of wire. There was a suggestion that the second prisoner, was really the organiser of the robbery, and being known to those inside, he did not enter the house but waited outside while the robbery was being committed.

ADULTERATION OF FOODS.

The story of the affair as outlined by the evidence for the prosecution showed that on February 7th five men entered the apartments of Cheung Ho, a married Chinese woman, and "holding up" the prosecutrix deprived her of her bangles and over \$200 in cash. They also stole her daughter's bracelets and chased the servant girl on to the verandah from whence she fell into the street below. The robber, who turned King's evidence, gave the names of his confederates and implicated the two prisoners. Each of the band was armed with a small knife.

The case was tried by the following jury: — Messrs. W. Froese (foreman), R. Hunter, K. Boyson, E. B. P. F. M. P. de Graca, A. H. Rahman, and P. A. H. Hermeling.

Evidence having been called, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty by a majority of 5 to 2 in respect of the first prisoner. In the case of the second prisoner, the jury unanimously found him not guilty. Accordingly, both prisoners were acquitted.

DEMANDING MONEY BY MENACES.

U Tak and Chu Kung Shun, a long-robed Chinaman and a native dressed in European garb, respectively, were indicted on charges of having demanded money, to wit, \$600, by menaces from one Leung Pak Kwai at Shan-ki-wan on the 13th and 19th March last. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Acting Attorney-General, instructed by Mr. H. L. Dennis, Jr., from the Crown Solicitor's office, prosecuted. — Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, of Messrs. Dencon, Looker and Dencon, appeared on behalf of the defence.

Mr. Alabaster stated that the prisoners were charged with demanding money by menaces. They were not charged with obtaining money by menaces, although the jury would be satisfied that the money was as a matter of fact obtained, so that it was no part of their duty to inquire into the question. In order to go into the history of that case, he must take them back to the 14th December. On that date there was a robbery, and as a result of the robbery a man named Yee Hoi was arrested. The man was duly charged at the Magistracy, where he called evidence in his own defence, and the Magistrate discharged him. The present charge arose out of that case. On the 13th of March, the complainant, who was the only witness who was going to be called in that case, was at his house, when both the prisoners came to him. The second prisoner asked him for several hundred dollars, which, he said, the man Yee Hoi wanted in order to pay the legal expenses to which he had been put. If the money was

not paid, the man Yee Hoi would again rob him and kill him. The complainant said he could not pay the money because all the money had been taken away from him by the robbers, whereupon the prisoners said that at the latest the money should be paid by the 19th March. Complainant went to the Police, who laid a trap. On the 19th of March, the prisoners were led back to the complainant and again demanded the money. They fell into the trap and were arrested. After hearing the evidence he felt sure that the jury would find one verdict only—that prisoners were guilty of demanding money by menaces with intent to steal.

SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held Tuesday afternoon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe presided, and there were present: — Hon. Mr. W. Chittam (Vice-President), Hon. Mr. A. Shelton Hooper, Dr. G. L. Fitzwilliams, Colonel Bedford (Principal Medical Officer), Mr. Lau Chu Pak, Mr. Ng Hon Tso, Hon. Dr. F. Clark (Medical Officer of Health), and Mr. W. Bowen Rowlands (secretary).

COUNCIL REJECTS APPLICATION.

A reply from the Council was received, stating that they refused the Board's recommendation that the Governor-in-Council should grant an application for the erection of twelve water closets, in a block of European flats to be erected on Kowloon, inland lot No. 574, subject to an independent and adequate water supply being provided.

ADULTERATION OF FOODS.

The Government analyst submitted a report showing the result of examinations, conducted under the Sale of Foods and Drugs Ordinance, 1896. The results were as follows:

Ale:—Number of samples, 6; number found genuine, 6; number found adulterated, 0.

Milk:—Number of samples, 7; number found genuine, 6; number found adulterated, 1.

WORLD MOTOR TOUR.

8,000 MILES ON 20 HORSE POWER CAR.

Messrs. J. R. Drake, T. M. Haulon and T. O. Jones have arrived in Hongkong with their Hupmobile, having completed about a third of their great tour round the world.

The party left Detroit on November 3, on a Hupmobile—the machine of the Hup Motor Car Company, of which Mr. Drake is treasurer—and since then have travelled overland 8,000 miles and by sea at least 20,000.

They drove from Detroit to Los Angeles in their small 20 h.p. touring car, thence to San Francisco, and from there went by sea to Honolulu.

Since then the party has toured Australia, and New Zealand, "both live countries," as one of the party told us, and after that came north to Manila. They now go to Japan, thence to Singapore and India, then South Africa, North Africa and Egypt, and finish up their long journey by touring Europe.

The party are delighted with Hongkong. "It is the liveliest city we've struck" they said. "We had no idea of the fine buildings you have here. Why, it's like an American city."

Manila too, delighted them. "It is a little United States" they said, while Australia and New Zealand impressed them with a sense of capacity and development and the great future that lies before both.

The little Hupmobile has stood the strenuous journey well. The engine has not been touched since they left home, and the only break-downs were very minor ones.

The machine was severely tested on the run from Manila to Baguio, the Mountain Capital of the Philippines. The Government is busy building roads up the hills, but are forced to do so in sections, with the result that the car climbed a height of 11,000 feet over alternating distances of jungle and macadam. The distance actually traversed was only 16,000 feet, which gives some idea of the snake-like character of the road. From Baguio, a beautiful spot, the tourists were able to see no fewer than nine different stretches of road.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

The twenty-second ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders in the above Company was held at St. George's Building at noon Tuesday. Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar, Chairman of Directors, presided. There were also present: — Sir Paul Chater, O.M.C.; Messrs. Henry Keoswick, G. H. Medhurst (directors), Dr. J. W. Noble, C. G. Mackie, E. W. Terry, C. McCubbin, C. Pemberton, L. E. Ozorio, O. Baptista, A. H. M. da Silva, Leung Yan Po, Wong Leung Hin and T. Graham (manager).

The notice having been read convening the meeting,

The Chairman said: — Gentlemen,—The report and statement of accounts having been in your hands for several days, I will, with your permission, take them as read. The result of the year's working has again been satisfactory, showing as it does, a balance at credit of working account of \$177,716.10, as compared with \$169,595.48, last year. This in view of the increased use of metallic filament lamps, and of the rebates given to our large consumers, will I am sure be gratifying to you.

The hope expressed at our last meeting that the advent of the more economical and efficient metallic filament lamp might lead to an increase in the number of consumers has been realized to some extent, and during the year we have connected up quite a number of new constituents. This has led your directors to consider the advisability of purchasing another Diesel engine to overtake the increasing demand for current, and we shortly expect to place an order for a larger engine than the ones we have at present at the station. The sum standing at credit of Profit and Loss Account is \$180,514.36. After deducting directors' fees (\$3,000), there remains \$186,514.36 available for appropriation, which your directors propose to deal with as follows: — Pay a dividend of 12 per cent. say \$1.00 per share on 60,000 shares \$72,000.00. Pay a bonus of 1 per cent. say 10 cents per share on 60,000 shares \$6,000.00. Write off Plant Account for depreciation, \$81,623.34. Write off Property Account for depreciation, \$6,722.30. Pay a bonus to staff \$4,123.04. Carry forward to next account, \$16,145.68. I trust this proposal will receive your sanction and approval. The sum set aside for depreciation may seem a large one, but in the opinion of your directors it is necessary. The efficiency of the Company depends largely, indeed, I may say almost solely, on our keeping up to date, and this can only be done by making provision for replacing our plant, as it becomes obsolete or inefficient. The policy therefore of writing down the value of our Plant Account is the only sound one. During the year we have spent a considerable sum in extending our underground system of mains, and in making alterations and additions to the station, and there is still more to be done, but I think we can say that these expenditures which are very necessary will not interfere with our keeping up a steady dividend.

There bring no questions, the Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts. In seconding the Chairman's motion, Dr. Noble said: — The Chairman, in referring to the depreciation of the plant and its continued efficiency, although using but few words, has covered the ground so completely that he leaves but little for me to add to what he has already said. In those days of improvements and progress, the machinery of an electric lighting plant soon becomes obsolete, requiring constant scrapping and renewal, for which ample provision must be constantly made. As a very old as well as a large shareholder in this company, I venture to express the hope that the present policy of our directors and agents of making liberal annual provision for maintaining an up-to-date plant, will not be departed from. With these few words I beg to second, with pleasure, the Chairman's proposal that the report and accounts be adopted.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Pemberton proposed and Mr. McCubbin seconded that the appointment of Sir Paul Chater as a director be confirmed.

Agreed.

On the motion of Mr. Mackie, seconded by Mr. Ozorio, the retiring directors, Messrs. G. H. Medhurst and J. W. C. Bonnar, were re-elected to the directorate.

Mr. Terry proposed the re-election of Messrs. W. Hutton Potts and R. C. Edwards as auditors.

Mr. Silva seconded.

Carried nem. con.

The Chairman—That's all the business before the meeting, gentlemen. I thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow and can be had on application.

LICENSEE IN TROUBLE.

POLICE PROSECUTION.

William Krater, of the "Rose Shamrock and Thistle," was summoned Tuesday morning before Mr. E. R. Halifax, for unlawfully permitting a woman to entertain customers, by playing a piano in the bar room on the evening of the 17th inst.

Evidence given on behalf of the police was to the effect that the defendant's daughter was seen, at 10 p.m. on the date in question, playing the piano in the public bar of the hotel. There was a British soldier inside the enclosure, sitting at the side of the instrument, and singing, facing, as he did so, the customers in the bar. This went on for five or ten minutes, and was seen through the door from the opposite side of the street. Defendant's daughter left the piano after a time, and emerged from the house and, together with her father and mother, went off in rickshaws.

The witness, who gave the above evidence, was asked if there were any people in the bar. He replied that there were about eight.

Mr. Gardiner (defending)—Are you sure of the time? — About.

And the piano you said she was playing, facing the street? — No, just beside the Eastern door.

Were there any musicians?

Not at the time. I have noticed them before.

Are you sure of the time? — Yes.

You say the girl was actually sitting down playing? — Yes.

For how long? — About ten minutes.

Did she have any music in front of her? — I did not notice it.

Did you go in and call the defendant's attention? — No, I did not.

Mr. Gardiner—Will your Worship allow me to see my client, and I would ask for a remand for that purpose.

His Worship—You should go on with the case now.

Mr. Gardiner—I may have to call evidence.

His Worship—The summons is a week old.

Mr. Gardiner—I was only instructed yesterday afternoon, and know nothing of the facts.

At this stage his Worship granted leave for half an hour.

After the adjournment, the defendant was put in the box, and said he was the licensee of the Rose, Shamrock and Thistle. His daughter was over 13 years of age, and studied at the Convent. She is only a beginner, and cannot play very well on the piano. She practices sometimes in the day in the bar. On the day mentioned his daughter did not play. He had a musician for the last ten years, and on the night mentioned the musician was present.

His Worship—Were you in the bar all night? — Yes.

Was the piano played on that night? — Yes.

Was your daughter in the bar on the 17th inst.? — I cannot say; she goes in and out.

Further evidence was called, and his Worship remanded the hearing so as to enable the defendant to call the pianist.

THE PLAGUE.

OUTBREAK IN FATSHAN.

The plague at Fatshan is on the increase, and in Tai Kee Mee, the daily report of deaths is alarming. The cause of this disease is due to the insanitary condition of the place, where garbage and refuse are freely scattered in the streets.

MARINE COURT.

BEFORE COM. C. W. BECKWITH, R.N.

Tuesday afternoon's sitting was occupied by the hearing of a charge preferred by Sergeant Sutton against Captain Valentine of the s.s. Houngshan, alleging that the latter had failed to observe the rules of the road.

Defendant said he pleaded guilty, with extenuating circumstances.

Police sergeant Sutton, No. 101, said that at 8.10 a.m. on the 16th inst., he was on duty on No. 1 Police launch steering in the Central fairway, from east to west. He saw the defendant steer on his port bow, steaming from south to north, entering the southern fairway. Witness blew a long blast but no notice was taken and in order to avoid an immediate collision, witness had to stop his engines. It he had not done so his craft would have been cut clean in two. The Houngshan was under helm and was swinging her stern round slightly at the time.

The magistrate: Did you call on her to stop? — No Sir.

Defendant, in the box said, that on the day in question, he lost the Canton wharf at about 8 a.m., bound Chokwan. Shortly after clearing the wharf, there was a naval launch in the Southern fairway and in order to pass her, he ported his helm. Then he saw the police launch just clearing a Jardine steamer. He could not take the middle channel because of two junks under sail, who were crossing the fairway on his port side. Witness could not stop his ship on a flood tide, because he might have been carried down on to the China Merchants' buoy. However he starboarded his helm, went into the Heungshan only passed by about 15 yards.

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The magistrate in dismissing the case addressed a strong caution to the defendant, urging upon him the paramount necessity of giving signal when starboarding his helm to pass another vessel.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER RESERVES.

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TWO EMPORIUMS.

HONGKONG AND THE PHILIPPINES.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber Thursday afternoon. His Excellency the Governor, Sir Frederick Lugard, presided. There were also present:

Hon. Mr. C. Clementi (Colonial Secretary).

Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster (Attorney-General).

Hon. Mr. A. M. Thompson (Colonial Treasurer).

Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G. (Director of Public Works).

Hon. Mr. A. W. Brown (Registrar-General).

Hon. Capt. W. Lyons (Capt. Supt. of Police).

Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, M.B., C.M.G.

Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C.

Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewett.

Hon. Mr. H. Keswick.

Hon. Mr. C. Montague Ede.

Mr. R. H. Crofton (Clerk of Councils).

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

NEW MEMBER.

Before the business of the agenda was commenced Mr. C. Montague Ede took the oath as a member of Council in place of Hon. Mr. E. Osborne, who has left for home.

The Colonial Secretary said he requested the permission of the Council to resume the discussion of the resolution which was down in the council's orders for the day. It would be remembered that it was a recommendation that the sum of \$112,501.59 should be advanced to the railway during the current year for the construction of Kowloon-Canton railway.

He looked forward confidently to the support of hon. members to pass the resolution because it covered the cost of completion and of constructing the Fanling branch, and the construction of additional rolling stock, and was a saving of \$74,500.11 on the estimate presented to the council and accepted without demur when it was brought up in April of last year.

It would be unnecessary for him to refer to the remarks made at the last meeting by the hon. member who represented the Chamber of Commerce, who said he doubted whether there were other railways except one or two, in South America, which had cost so much money. He, the hon. member, remarked that the British section of the line was run over simple ground, and made the statement that it was not necessary for a railway of only 22 miles to have two repair workshops and two large staffs. He, the speaker, could not allow, so many mis-statements to be made without the least protest, and on the question of workshops he would draw the hon. member's attention to a letter which appeared in the "Hongkong Telegraph."

After quoting the letter at some length the speaker congratulated the writer of the letter, and pointed out that it would be impracticable to transport engines and rolling stock across the harbour every time they needed repair. Choice was either to have repairing workshops of their own or give the monopoly of repair to another firm.

That they would all agree would not be sound business. He could hardly believe his ears when he heard the hon. gentleman speak of the land, over which the line was laid, as simple. He would ask him to come with himself (the speaker) for a walk from Kowloon to the Lowu over the central line of the railway. He had brought with him, and laid upon the table, reports of progress and plans of the section of the railway, and he would invite their attention to them. They would then see that it was run on arduous and difficult ground, involving as it did, five tunnels, 49 bridges and culverts, many heavy cuttings and high banks running along an exposed foreshore. If those were required on simple ground he was of opinion that a railway could not be run across rugged country that could pay. His Excellency had explained in Feb'y, 1908, and on June 19, 1910, that Mr. Bruce's figures were in no sense definite.

Mr. Bruce was to decide what course the railway should take, and he decided that it should be the Beacon Hill route. There it was that his work ended. Mr. Eves in June, 1907, estimated the cost of the section at over eight million dollars, and

this was revised in 1909, and it then came to over eleven million dollars. The cost had now been finally revised and estimated at \$12,290,029. The hon. member representing the Chamber of Commerce doubted whether any railway in the world with the exception of one or two in South America had ever cost so much. He arrived at the figure by taking the revised estimate, and dividing it by 22, the length of the line in miles, giving him a cost of \$558,001 per mile. However, it must be remembered that in the cost was included the expense of a number of sidings at the terminus, besides the erection of buildings, and he did not consider it quite an adequate method of ascertaining the cost per mile. He had been informed by the manager of the Chinese section that the probable capital cost of the Chinese section, which was 89 miles long and was run through what might be called simple country, would be \$15,500,000 and therefore the cost of the whole of the line from Kowloon to Canton would then amount to \$27,700,029 for one hundred and eleven miles, or an average cost of \$250,442 per mile—by no means an incredible sum. Finally the speaker said he had consulted Mr. Lindsay who had given him the following figures and comments:—Cost of the Beacon Hill line \$455.28 per foot, moderate; average cost of the other four double line tracks, \$170.74 per foot, very cheap; cost of reclamation 65 cents, also very cheap.

Mr. Hewett said he understood that in the main they had been merely carrying on something, but in view of the importance of that question four unofficial members met on the subject. They had discussed the question very fully in view of the statements that had been put before them by the present engineer. He now spoke on behalf of those members, and it was their opinion that it was not necessary for the railway to have complete workshops. They had another discussion the other day and they still maintained that: They were prepared to admit that it may be necessary to have some workshops, but not complete workshops. At one time the estimate was 9,000,000 dollars, the estimate now stood at 12,300,000 dollars and even that did not include the cost of the Kowloon railway station. That sum would have been still further increased by a quarter of a million dollars had it not been for very lucky chance the Government got of keeping down that sum. Another point which he agreed upon was that the expense of the railway had very largely exceeded the estimate which was a carefully prepared and a most reliable one. They came to consider that the mistake was made by His Excellency's predecessor, for which His Excellency nor any other official was responsible. It was a mistake that the contract was not put out in the first place to some reliable railway contractors. It is quite possible, and he was quite prepared to admit and believe, that if an inquiry had been made the estimate put forward may not have been so large. If the railway had been constructed by a proper company rather than by every day work—departmental work—they would have got their railway much quicker and at less cost. Another difficulty admitted by His Excellency's predecessor was that the construction of a railway of that sort was difficult of supervision. For those reasons the unofficial members still seemed to consider that it would have been better had the work been carried out by contract. Another question. Over and above the cost of the railway which now would cost over 12,000,000 dollars, this sum excluded the cost of the terminal station, and a sum of 7-12 lacs had also been incurred by the ratepayers for land, which at the moment was not required, and that possibly of the 30 or 40 acres of land resumed by the Government a good deal may have to be disposed of later on. That was one of the reasons why his colleagues agreed with him in the objection to the manner in which expenditure on the railway had been piled up, and they considered the Government had invested an undue amount of money for resuming land purchasing land, which now they did

not want, and in retaining an undue area. Ratepayers' money had now been sunk in the land, and later on His Excellency pointed out last Thursday, that it was not unreasonable to suppose that the government would do their best in order to get the best profit. What use would the land be put to? The bulk of the land, he took it, could only be used for wharves and godowns. His Excellency had most carefully pointed out that it was the last wish he had in his mind to compete with existing interests, such as Holt's Wharves, the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, the Star Ferry Company, which had all gone to build up that section of the trade of the colony. His Excellency went on to say that "I may say at once that the Government has no idea of building either wharves or godowns on that reclamation, unless and until the development of the railway will justify its extension." He (the hon. member), hoped, and he sincerely believed it would not be many years before the railway developed. The railway would develop by leaps and bounds, but that did not necessarily mean that the trade of the colony would develop to the same extent. They all knew that a lot of money had been expended by ratepayers of the colony on wharves, godowns, &c. These people were large ratepayers. As they know very well the trade in the Far East had been depressed in the past years. Trade had also changed. There was not the large demand for wharves and godowns which was the case in the past. Merchants appeared to be content to go from land to mouth with their stocks, and the consequence was that for some years past, the supply was in excess of the demand in the colony, and personally he was afraid—of course he may be wrong—but he was afraid that it would be a considerable time before the godowns now in the existence were fully required for the use of the trade of the colony. In the first place, continued the hon. member, they had sunk an undue amount of money on purchasing property and retaining property, that would probably be disposed of. The remarks he had made covered the points which were discussed by himself and three colleagues, and which they decided should be put before the Council. There were other questions debated, but he would not deal with them that afternoon. He would have preferred to have taken his seat at that stage, but in view of the personal attack which the Hon. Colonial Secretary had thought fit to make upon him, he felt bound to reply. He was speaking for himself, and he was speaking on his own responsibility and without the consent of his colleagues, although he noted what they might endorse a good deal of what he said. The hon. member spoke of the attack made by the Colonial Secretary, and said that he had travelled the New Territory long before the Colonial Secretary came to Hongkong.

Hon. Mr. Pollock said it had always been for him a painful duty to disassociate himself in any way from any of his unofficial colleagues and more especially was that the case with his friend the hon. member representing the Chamber of Commerce. But the hon. member made a statement at the meeting of the council on Thursday last which he (the speaker) thought it his duty to challenge because he felt that although the hon. member had stated that he never did intend in the least to cast any reflection upon the efficiency of the railway staff, he, Mr. Pollock, felt that the words actually used were calculated to convey an interpretation upon them. What the hon. member for the Chamber of Commerce said on Thursday last was that "the cost was some 100 to 150 per cent. more than the original estimate." He (Mr. Pollock) confessed that he thought the statement would convey to anybody reading it the meaning that originally the then engineers in charge of the railway had solemnly drawn out a full estimate of the proposed work and that the estimate had been exceeded by 100 to 150 per cent.

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The annual race for the Brown challenge cup will take place at 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 20th. Course—from Corinthian Yacht Club to Fenwick's New Wharf. Judges—Lieut. Paris, R.G.A. and Mr. Thornhill.

FORBIDDEN GROUND.

NEW MOTOR REGULATIONS.

An extraordinary Government Gazette, published Wednesday contains the regulations, made by the Governor in Council under section 7 of the Vehicles Regulation Ordinance 1909, which have been formulated to take the place of those made in the years 1901, 1907, 1908 and 1910.

Among others, there are the following interesting provisions:

No wheeled vehicle propelled by a motor shall be ridden or driven in the following places (unless with the special written permission of the Captain Superintendent of Police, every such permission to be limited to the vehicle, street or road and day or days therein specified):—

(a.) The Hill District as defined by the Rating Ordinance, 1901.

(b.) Bowen Road.

(c.) Kennedy Road.

(d.) Gloucester.

(e.) The streets or roads in the City of Victoria within the district bounded as follows:

On the North: the South side of Queen's Road from Gordon Road to Pokfulam Road.

On the South: the North side of Lower Albert Road to its junction with Wyndham Street, thence the North side of Wyndham Street to its junction with Arbuthnot Road, thence the West side of Arbuthnot Road to its junction with Caine Road, thence the North side of Caine Road and Bonham Road to Pokfulam Road.

On the East: the West side of Gordon Road from Lower Albert Road to Queen's Road Central.

On the West: the East side of Pokfulam Road from Queen's Road West to Bonham Road.

Provided that such vehicles may use the following route with-

in the above prohibited district along Hollywood Road from Arbuthnot Road to Lyndhurst Terrace thence down Lyndhurst Terrace, Wellington Street and D'Aguilar Street to Queen's Road Central and "vice versa."

Further amendments make the fee, payable for a motor car, \$24 per annum, and a new regulation provides for the carrying of a number board at the back and a suitable lamp for its illumination.

THE PLAGUE.

(THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT)

Canton, April 24.

Some time ago the prefect of Lui Chow telegraphically reported to the Canton Viceroy that an epidemic of bubonic plague was raging there, and many dead bodies from this scourge had been dumped in the streets.

The prefect further begged that a sum of money should be sent to him from the Treasury in order to defray the expenses incurred in carrying out sanitary measures, and that medical men be sent there to combat the plague.

H. E. the Canton Viceroy has instructed the Provincial Treasurer to allow the prefect \$1,000 for this purpose. His Excellency has also instructed the Taotai of the Constabulary to despatch medical men from the Kiang Wah Hospital to combat this disease.

HONGKONG CORONATION COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Coronation sub-committee was held in the Office of Justice's Chambers on Monday. Mr. C. H. Ross presided and the others present were: Dr. Ho Kai, Messrs. F. H. Armstrong, G. Balloch, C. Montague Ede, Ho Fook, W. Logan, G. H. Medhurst, N. J. Stabb and Ng Hon Tez.

Arrangements were made for the collection of subscriptions, and it was decided to invite the following to become members on the sub-committee, viz., the Editors of the four daily newspapers, past and present members of the Committee of the Tung Wah Hospital and Po Leung Kuk, Messrs. Chan Keng Yue, Chiu Chau Sam and Sui Un Fei.

A total of \$875,703,025 gold has been invested in twenty-one years by foreign interests in Mexico outside of the mining industry.

PIONEER'S STRUGGLE WITH A MANIAC.

BORNEO MANAGER INTERVIEWED.

By the steamer Borneo, Mr. J. T. Edwards, manager of a big tobacco and rubber estate, returns to Borneo, after a stay exceeding over several weeks in Hongkong. There are few men who have undergone such a terrible ordeal as Mr. Edwards; and yesterday he was good enough to relate, to a representative of the "Telegraph," the circumstances which led up to his prolonged stay at the Peak Hospital.

About the middle of December Mr. Edwards and Mr. Skinner were engaged superintending a gang of about thirty men, busy clearing some ground for tobacco and ultimately rubber, when a powerfully built native of Sulu Island rushed on the scene with a huge knife, which had apparently been prepared for the occasion. The first person whom the mad native ran across was the headman. He struck at him but missed, and ran on till he came to Mr. Edwards.

The madman rushed straight at him, and Mr. Edwards just managed to turn round and, by raising his left arm, ward off a blow aimed at his head. With such force was it delivered that the knife completely severed the hand from the arm, and, descending, the fearful weapon cut into his shoulder. Mr. Edwards fell and must have been unconscious for a few minutes. As he regained his senses he heard some one shout in Malay, "Look out." The reason for this warning was not far to seek. The madman was coming back.

Mr. Edwards struggled to his feet and found he had missed his friend, and naturally, as he assumed the pressman, it was a matter of great difficulty for him to escape an agile native without aid. The native, seeing Mr. Edwards made straight for him again. The injured man endeavoured to escape by running, but that was futile on account of the limited amount of open ground.

Realising that escape was out of the question, and that eventually he would have to come to bay, Mr. Edwards shortened the agony by coming to grips with his assailant. Seizing a piece of wood near by he seized it with his right hand, and managed to ward off several blows. Then he closed with his opponent, and managed to hold him with the help of his bleeding arm.

In the fierce struggle which ensued Mr. Edwards received a severe slash across the left cheek, as well as a blow which has paralyzed several fingers of the right hand. Apparently the man must have become suddenly aware of the enormity of his offence, for breaking away from Mr. Edwards, he immediately made off.

Mr. Skinner also sustained an attack, receiving a wound in the back, eight inches long, and naturally he was unable to give his comrade any help.

Although this happened at 2 p.m. it was not until midnight that he received medical attendance, having been taken across Darvel Bay in a steam launch.

Asked what became of the man, Mr. Edwards said he was afterwards captured and sentenced to seven years' imprisonment.

The capture itself is interesting, for it was brought about by a very simple ruse. It appears that the miscreant had previously stolen a canoe and was about to flee down the river, when one of Mr. Edwards' gang, a fellow-countryman of the assailant, met him, and suggested that as he was going down the stream he would require some provisions. The would-be captor had a house on the river bank, and invited the madman to go there and receive food, insisting that the knife should be left behind as it would frighten his wife. The man seemed amenable to reason and went to the house unarmed, and seizing the opportunity, which thus presented itself, the "false" friend jumped on to the miscreant, and held on till the man was securely tied up by others.

Mr. Edwards is a native of Ireland but has not been home for five years, and has been for twelve years on the island of Sumatra. However, the estate, which he is now on, has only known him six months. The estate has an acreage of 50,000, 12,000 of which contained the scene of the struggle, while the remainder lay upon the banks of another river.

The land in this district is only just opening up, and naturally, Mr. Edwards had only a small gang with him. He told our representative that it was very difficult to get Javanese coolies, owing to the huge demand in the Straits Settlements and the high prices given upon rubber plantations. They however have some natives who come from the Sulu Archipelago.

Chatting generally, Mr. Edwards, in reply to a question as to why they did not carry arms in such a wild area, said that he looked upon the affair as purely an incident, in which an European was attacked. He was attacked probably because there was no one else near the madman. He had never had any trouble in Sumatra, and a revolver would be useless when a white man might be alone, far from any house. Besides, the carrying of a revolver would show a lack of faith in the natives, and they, in turn, would themselves guard against abuse.

CHINA'S NEW NAVAL BASE.

NEAR HAINAN.

(THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT)

Canton, April 24.

The Grand Council has just sent an important telegram to the Canton Viceroy regarding the establishment of a naval station at Yu Lam, in the neighbourhood of Hainan. This island is situated in the most southern part of the Chinese possessions.

Although it is a solitary and poorly inhabited place, it is in the centre of the sea route used by foreign steamers from Singapore and other places in the south of the Pacific ocean. Last year a certain journal in Europe, while commenting on the sphere of influence over the Chinese Empire by foreign countries, suggested to the two Houses of Senate in the country to which this journal belongs, that no time should be lost in taking possession of the above mentioned island.

The Grand Councillors have for some time felt uneasy about the safety of the island and feared that it might meet with the same fate as Kiaochow and Wei-hai-wei.

The memorial presented to the Throne by H. E. Shum, the ex-Viceroy of Canton, regarding the fortification of this island, reminds the Grand Councillors that no time should be lost in turning it into a naval station. The Canton Viceroy has been requested to consider the necessity of fortifications being constructed on the island to check the foreign invasion of China on the south of Pacific.

THE SEASON OF FOG.

EXPERIENCE OF A B. & S. BOAT.

The two marine accidents which we have reported recently namely the wreck of the s.s. Asia and the collision of the Kwangtung and Meesoo, were undoubtedly the result of a heavy fog.

ROYAL VISITORS IN HONGKONG.

ARRIVAL OF SIAM'S HEIR-PRESUMPTIVE.

Shortly before eleven o'clock Wednesday afternoon, the Duke and Duchess of Chakrabong, who are representing Siam at the forthcoming Coronation celebrations in London in June next, landed at Blake Pier. Long before the hour at which the landing was expected to be made, a detachment consisting of one hundred men drawn from the 120th Baluchis under one British and three native officers awaited the arrival of the distinguished visitors, but almost at the last moment word was sent round that the landing was to be a purely private affair and the detachment had performed to make their way back to Kowloon. Shortly before ten o'clock, Captain Agge, on behalf of His Excellency the Governor, proceeded on board the liner on which the distinguished couple travelled to Hongkong to bring them on shore. On the pier itself, Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Consul to Siam, awaited the arrival of the Royal visitors.

Just before eleven o'clock, the Duke and Duchess stepped ashore from the Government tender Victoria and were met on landing by Sir Paul Chater. Outside the pier, chairs from Government House were in readiness to take the visitors to Government House but the latter entered a motor-car supplied by the Dragon Cycle Depot prior to proceeding to Government House. The car made a tour through Shaukiwan, on to the Race Course and back to Sir Paul Chater's office. Afterwards, the distinguished couple proceeded to Government House, where His Excellency, with his usual open hospitality, placed the premises at the disposal of his distinguished guests.

The man-of-war in harbour dressed ship in honour of the occasion.

At one o'clock an official luncheon, very largely attended, was given at Government House. His Excellency the Governor proposed The King, and The King of Siam, and His Royal Highness Prince Chakrabong proposed King George V. and his representatives in the Crown Colonies.

ECHO OF A FAILURE.

HONGKONG-MANILA BANKING CONCERN.

Mr. C. W. O'Brien, one of the leading lawyers of Manila, is at present in Hongkong in connection with the failure last autumn of the Hongkong and Manila Yuenshoung Exchange and Trading Company Ltd.

It will be remembered that during the financial crisis last year this concern failed for about one million dollars. It did a large exchange and loaning business among the Chinese, and the shareholders—all Chinese—were equally divided between here and Manila. The assets will pay sixty to seventy per cent. of the debts.

The Manila side of the business was carried out with care, and it is to investigate the local books that Mr. O'Brien is here. Mr. Lau Chu Pak is the official liquidator.

The former chairman of this concern, Mr. Ng Li Hing gave fifty thousand dollars to the endowment fund of the Hongkong University, for the Chair of Medicine.

It is probable that the concern will be proved to have suffered like so many others in the slump in trade during the period.

GAMBLING IN MACAO.

A rumour has obtained currency in Canton that H. E. Chang Ming Chi, the Viceroy, has succeeded in coming to an arrangement with the Macao government for the total suppression of gambling in Macao.

It is reported that the Canton Viceroy has agreed to pay the Macao government \$200,000 annually as compensation for the loss of revenue due to the suppression of gambling.

The Asayu lost Singapore for Hongkong yesterday at 9 p.m., and is due here on the 28th inst. at 8 a.m.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE AND THE "CAT."

A FORM OF VENGEANCE.

The Criminal Assizes were opened Monday morning, before the Chief Justice.

His Lordship, in opening the Assizes, addressed the Grand Jury at some length on the introduction of the "Cat." He said that in England there was a custom for the judges, when opening an assize, to discuss or mention to the grand jury any questions of importance pertaining to the administration of the criminal law. That custom did not exist here, but he thought it was his duty to take that occasion to refer to them, and through them to the community at large, the very important amendments to the criminal law, which the legislature had introduced. Firstly there was the abolition of minimum penalties.

The idea of minimum

penalties was a barbarous one,

and was abolished some time ago in England. It was now abolished in the Colony. While the legislature had recognised the necessity for leniency, it had also recognised the necessity for increasing the stringency of the law in certain cases.

The "cat" had been introduced for certain offences and the court was now authorized to administer the cat.

The Acting-Attorney General: The second reading has not been passed.

The Chief Justice, continuing, accepted the correction of the Acting Attorney-General, and remarked that punishment involved three things. Firstly, the reform of the criminal, secondly the deterring of others and thirdly, underlying those, the rarely expressed old Hebrew theory of vengeance. If the law did not deter others from committing crimes, the legislature was justified in having recourse to vengeance. The cat was an old established form of vengeance known to the criminal law. It had been long disused, because it had been generally felt that it had not been in consonance with English notions. The Secretary of State had sanctioned the amendment, and he had little doubt it would pass. There were three stages in the administration of criminal law—three persons; three interests involved.

First there was the legislature, which created the law, secondly the judge, who enforced the law and thirdly the jury on whom the judge depended for the finding of the facts.

He specially wanted to take that opportunity of remarking on what he frequently found in juries. Juries mistook the functions which the principles of the English law gave them. That was the giving prisoners the benefit of the doubt. He had known prisoners escape when they were manifestly guilty, because when the case had been put to the jury, and they had been told not to convict if there were a doubt, they had seemed to be impregnated with the idea that there was a doubt. Again with regard to the use of the cat, the legislature would enforce it, and it remained with the jury to help the judges to put this salutary law into action.

MARTIAL SPIRIT ABROAD

(The "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT.) Canton, April 25.

The students have received a telegram from men educated abroad regarding the partition of China, and held a meeting on Sunday last in the Canton School Union Hall. Representatives from the Tao-tai of the Constabulary and from the Educational Commissioner were present, and the army corps in Canton was also represented. A strong guard of police was stationed outside the hall to maintain order during the proceedings.

The object of the meeting was to discuss a scheme for the formation of territorial corps among the students, to save China from ruin at this critical moment. All present were in favour of the scheme, and agreed that a petition should be sent to the Canton Viceroy and other officials for a supply of guns and ammunition for the purpose of carrying out drills preparatory for the organization of the corps.

We are given to understand that the wireless operator on H.M.S. "Tamar" "picked up" messages from the wrecked Asia early Monday morning

"S.O.S." "S.O.S."

FIRST WIRELESS MESSAGES RECEIVED FROM WRECKED ED. ASIA.

AMERICA MARU RACES TO HELP.

EUROPEAN MISSING.

"On Finger Rock." This was the first wireless message from the wrecked Asia received by the America Maru, which arrived in port at 6 o'clock Wednesday. It was received by the Toyo Kisen Kaisha's boat on Sunday last at 8.15 a.m., many miles north of the scene of the disaster.

Then in rapid succession came the messages: "Asia on Finger Rock"; "We are on the rock. Help. S.O.S. (the wireless code for 'Distress')"; "Asia, S.O.S. S.O.S. Am ashore. Help. Immovable."

The America Maru was then in a dense fog going dead slow, but on receipt of this cry from the distressed vessel increased her speed to 15.4 knots, heading direct for the scene of the disaster.

The fog lifted soon after for a time, but again came down more dense than before. Some five miles north of the Rock the America Maru dropped her anchor. It would have been madness to proceed under the circumstances. She rode in about fourteen fathoms.

The America ran into clear weather on Monday morning at 5.30, and shortly afterwards "spoke" the Shaoshing. News of the wreck was given her by that vessel, which then had on board part of the passengers and crew and the mails of the wrecked.

The America Maru steamed slowly on and dropped anchor off the Asia. A boat was lowered

under the command of the Chief Officer, and six of the Asia's crew were picked up from a sampan.

They stated that a European

member of the crew was missing.

The wreck lies high and dry

from amidships, with a heavy list

to port. The deck is at an angle

of nearly fifty degrees and it is

impossible to walk on it.

The pictures that we have seen

show the vessel cowering under

the towering Finger Rock, sub-

merged from stern to funnel, her

bows pointing high into the air.

Her No. 2 hold is completely

flooded, and there never was the

slightest hope of salvaging her.

One cannot but be impressed

by the photographs and the water-

colour painting of the wreck.

The great liner is crushed, puny,

under the huge, cruel rock at

whose foot she lies.

From under its cruel peaks, the

sea beating against the hapless

vessel, crowded with humanity,

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THE OPIUM TRADE.

after the American warships had received similar messages. A Marconi station on a prominent point on the outside of the harbour would doubtless have obtained earlier news of the wreck.

SERIOUS BANKRUPTCY CHARGE.

ALLEGED FALSIFICATION OF ACCOUNTS.

This afternoon the Chief Justice, Sir Francis Piggott, and a jury had before them the case of Lam Chung. This person was charged with falsifying his books, in several cases, with intent to defraud his creditors, he having filed his petition in bankruptcy. It was alleged that the falsifications complained of were made both prior to, and after filing his petition.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Acting Attorney General, prosecuted on behalf of the Crown, and Mr. Potter defended.

The prisoner pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Alabaster said that the prisoner started business in Hongkong, four years ago, in partnership with another, as an exporter to America, Australia and Canada.

After a year's working the partner left and prisoner continued the business on his own account.

He closed the business about

Feb. 9th, 1910 and on March 11th

he filed his petition in bankruptcy, in which he stated that he had assets amounting to \$20,000 and liabilities totalling \$22,000. On

April 5th of the same year the landlord put in a distress upon the prisoner's goods, for rent, and among other things, seized some books relating to the prisoner's business. These books, thirty-two in number, were handed over to the Official Receiver, and as a result of his investigation these charges were now made. Detailing some of the falsifications complained of was an entry in his ledger acknowledging the receipt of a draft for 720 taels from a Company in Portland, U.S.A. The entry in the book stated that the draft was received on the tenth day of the tenth moon, when it could be proved that he actually received it on the eighth day of the eighth moon. This was found out because in another account "prisoner" calculated the interest due on the draft from the latter date.

Other false entries included one in his cash book, acknowledging the receipt of an amount a fortnight before he actually received it.

Finally Mr. Alabaster suggested that the reason for those falsifications was that the prisoner had destroyed the original books, and made others for the purposes of his petition. Some delay was caused in Mr. Alabaster's speech, and he explained that he was looking up the charges with which he was to proceed.

Mr. Potter:—There were forty

charges at the police court, and all but four have been withdrawn.

Mr. Fletcher, deputy official receiver, said that after considerable difficulty, he succeeded in getting from the defendant the names of firms abroad, to whom he had consigned goods. However, he absolutely refused to provide addresses, and witness was only able to get into communication with one firm.

He was of the opinion that it was imperative that the Viceroy should take up the matter at once, and put down crime in

the province. The new Viceroy

should be extended throughout

Kwangtung, which is under the sole jurisdiction of the Admiralty. If that was done trade would prosper and would naturally redound to the benefit of Hongkong.

Outside Canton there were seventy districts, which were altogether 75,000 square miles in area, and here there was no police protection whatever. The new system which had been introduced into Canton

had been giving every satisfaction and it was a great pity that that system was not extended to the whole province, whence a great deal of produce came. In fact of the frequent instances of blackmail it was only natural that trade would suffer. At present it was totally paralysed. In Kiangtung itself the population consisted of 32,000,000 souls, while that of Kwangtung was seven millions.

Such a dense population urgently

needed the most up-to-date police

HELD TO RANSOM.

CHINESE KIDNAPPERS AT WORK.

The latest illustration of the danger of travelling in China on business has just come to hand.

Chinese merchants are ever being kidnapped and held up to ransom.

The most recent case is that

of a Chinese employed in the

commodore's department of the

shipping firm of Douglas Lapraik

and Co.

The police have received

information that the clerk, who

went to his native country, Hui-

chow (a village in the Namho

district) a week ago to "worship

at the tombs" has been kidnap-

ped by a gang of robbers.

News of the affair was received by

the comodore's department of the

firm of Joaquin and Co. of

Kuala Lumpur, against Mr.

B. C. N. Knight, of Jebong,

settlements called Luk O.

In the daytime they take shelter in the open

sea and at nightfall, they anchor

their junks on the coast. The

peaceful boating fraternity and

HISTORY OF HONGKONG.

INTERESTING BROCHURE
ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

We have received from the Colonial Secretary an interesting brochure entitled "The Historical and Statistical Abstract of the Colony of Hongkong" which briefly summarizes its history from the administration of Captain Charles Elliot, R.N., in 1841, to the present day. Two profiles appear, one by Sir Matthew Nathan, ex-governor and the other by His Excellency the present Governor. The latter tells us that it has been decided that the history, being most useful for reference, will be printed as a separate publication once in every ten years. (Captain Elliot took the island of Hongkong, as chief superintendent of trade of British subjects in China, on January 26, 1841). Three days later he issued a proclamation declaring that the Chinese, within the Colony, should be governed according to the law of China. He promised freedom to perform religious rites, social customs and private rights. The first substantial house and godown was erected in March at East Point by Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. The military and naval establishments were located at West Point while the merchants' settlement was at Wong Nau Cheong Valley. This however, proved unhealthy. The Chinese settled where now stands the Central Market. Shortly after two thousand Tan-Ku, or boat people, became residents in the colony, and in the same year Hongkong was declared a free port. The first sale of land also took place about this time, consisting of 33 lots aggregating about nine acres. The total annual rent amounted to £5,032 per annum. The same year was marked by a terrible outbreak of malarial fever, violent typhoons and destructive fires, all of which greatly retarded the progress of the Colony.

LADY SASSOON'S DEATH.

In the following year Sir H. Pottinger became administrator and the treaty of Nanking was signed, and a post office organized. The first newspaper also appeared in the shape of the "Friend of China," while the central market was opened in the same twelve months. Fever in 1843 was very bad; more than 10 per cent of the Europeans died, and jobbing scandals were very prevalent at the end of the year. There were twelve large English firms, ten smaller ones, and six Indian firms in the Colony. In the following year the Supreme Court was opened, and the police force organized, while the first opium ordinance was passed. The first sitting of the Legislative Council also took place in this year.

COMMERCIAL.

SINGAPORE SHARES.
Messrs. Fraser's share circular on the 20th reads:—Business has again been on a very limited scale, owing partly, however, to the Easter Holidays, which have occupied most of the week under review. The demand for some Mining shares has continued, but Rubber and Industrial are quiet.

ROUND THE WORLD FOR A BET.
Rubber.—Seaford have been doing during the week at £6. 2s. 6d., Highlands £5. 8s. 4d.-2d., Landra Subscribers 95s., Jugra Lands 4s. and 4s. 6d., Bortians 6s. 9d., Medinans 5s. 3d., and 5s. 1s. 2d., Medinans Options 3s. 1s. 2d. and 3s., Singapore Paras 5s., Pelepas Valleys 4s. 5d., and Singapore United 5d. premium, Singapore and Johores have changed hands at \$12 to \$11.25, Pajams \$11.25 Changkat Serdangs \$6.75, Ayer Panas \$5.5 and \$5.10, Malakoffs \$1.80 and \$1.75, Ayer Moleka \$1.70 and Glencoe \$1.70 to \$1.75, Pantai \$1.20, Trafalgar \$1.00, United Singapore \$1.32 1-2, Bukit K. B. 70 cents, Nyallas 40 cents, and Sandycrofts \$2.3.

Mining.—A large business has been done in Tronoh round \$20 ex. div. Bolats and Kuantangs are wanted at quotations and a few Brussels and Bruangs are on offer.

General—Quotations in this section are practically unchanged with little business doing.

LICENSEE IN TROUBLE.**POLICE PROSECUTION.**

The following year brought a financial crisis to the Colony and many failures are to be noted. The year 1869 saw an improvement which led to the Messageries Maritime and the Pacific Mail doubling the number of steamers going out of the port, and the institution of two new local shipping companies. In the same year the Duke of Edinburgh opened the City Hall.

During the ten years 1861 to 1871 the administration was busy issuing police ordinances and in the latter year the system of branding, deporting and flogging criminals was introduced into the Colony. The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank commenced issuing \$1 notes in 1872, and the West River was explored.

Down to 1877 the history of the Colony is more or less that of the public works department, which, during these years, carried out extensive schemes of improvement. In the same year the Governor Sir John Hennessy advocated the abolition of branding and flogging, and Hongkong at the same time entered the postal union.

"Rickshas" were first introduced in 1880, the Polo Club was commenced and the Hongkong Ice Company registered. Telegraphic communication was established with the Philippines.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" made its bow to the public in 1881 and in 1883 the Sanitary Board was first established.

Despite the Franco-Chinese War and the depredations of pirates, the history of Hongkong from then onwards was one of steady progress towards the position which she has now attained.

We would wish to give a fuller account of the administration from 1880 and 1881 to the present day, but the space at our disposal forbids. We can recommend our readers, who wish to gain a clear knowledge of Hongkong, to study this most interesting publication of the Government, who deserve our hearty congratulations for bringing out this work.

ARMY ESTIMATES FOR THE FAR EAST.

Private Stanton, K.O.Y.L.I., said that on the day in question he was in the defendant's house, going there at about 7.20 p.m. and leaving at 11.30 p.m. He remained in the house the whole time and on no occasion did any girl or woman play the piano. That was done throughout the evening by the previous witness. He did not see the defendant's little girl the whole evening.

The magistrate—Do you go there regularly?—Two or three times a week.

Was there any singing that night?—There was not.

They say that a soldier sang to the defendant's daughter's accompaniment. Is that wrong?—That is.

Do you remember how the pianist was dressed?—In a white smock dress. I did not notice his trousers.

What makes you remember that night, was there any difference at night?—None.

There was a new pianist?—Yes that was the only difference.

Samuel Rose, Queen's Road E., store-keeper for the C.P.R. gave evidence to the effect that while he was there two or three soldiers were singing. He was absolutely sure that there was no woman or girl playing the piano.

The magistrate—What colour coat had the pianist on?—A black one.

Are you sure of that?—Well it was dark; it might have been blue.

It was not white?—No.

Mr. Gardiner thought that, in view of the evidence that had been put forward by the defence, the case should be dismissed.

Deputy Supt. Wodehouse asked that he might be allowed to bring evidence to rebut it.

The magistrate—That is not necessary. I am perfectly satisfied I must convict. You will be fined \$25.

FRENCH PROTEST AGAINST FORTS.**IN YUNNAN AND KWEICHOW.**

[THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT.]

Canton, April 26.

His Excellency the Canton Viceroy is in receipt of a telegraphic despatch from the Board of Foreign Affairs which says that the French Minister at Peking has lodged a protest with the Board against the construction of forts along the frontiers of Yunnan and Kweichow Provinces by China, and begs that the work should be suspended, in order to preserve the relationship between China and France. The Board has refused the Minister's request, on the ground that China has perfect right to improve the fortifying facilities in her territories, and that the action cannot be considered as an injury to the friendship between her and France.

Moreover, the action has been prompted by the occasional tumult of the native desperadoes, and by her main desire to maintain order and peace in the much disturbed borders of the two provinces.

The Board asks His Excellency the Canton Viceroy to use similar wordings of the despatch in replying to the foreigner concerned, in case they may raise the question,

CANTON AND OPIUM.**INCREASED DUTIES EXPECTED.**

[THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT.]

Canton, April 26.

In view of Canton being a maritime province, His Excellency the Canton Viceroy has considered it important to introduce some measures by which the trade in opium can be diminished, and success in the campaign against this drug can be attained. His Excellency has, in accordance with arrangements made for a gradual decrease in the import of foreign opium every year, made a return of the foreign opium imported into Canton this year, and suggested some restrictive measures in a despatch to the Board of Foreign Affairs for enforcement. Although the suggested restrictions to be placed on the trade of opium have not been made known, a rumour has it that the import duty on this drug will be considerably increased. Ever since last Saturday, the firms dealing in opium at your end, have been shipping many chests of this drug to Canton, Swatow, Amoy and Shanghai, from Hongkong. It is generally supposed that the influx of such a big quantity into the ports has been caused by the credence placed in the rumour anent the increase in the import duty on foreign opium.

DEPORTING CHINESE.**PANIC IN VLADIVOSTOCK.**

[THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT.]

Canton, April 26.

We give below a few facts as to the votes for the Far East, so far as they appear on the face of the Army Estimates for the year ending March 31, 1912:—

Now Works &c.—Kowloon (Hongkong): There is a vote of £3,900 for Whitfield Camp, replace mat sheds by permanent buildings. Further amount required to complete, £600.

General Summary (South China)—Estimated regimental force in the command, 4,274.

Vote 1 (pay, &c., of general staff, regiments, and departments), £164,900. Vote 2:

Medical establishment and medicines, £6,500. Vote 5: Educational establishments, £250.

Vote 6: Lodging, stable, and field allowances, hire of buildings, and barrack services, £10,360; conveyance of troops and stores, except by sea, £2,100; Army Service Corps subordinates and crews of vessels, £4,470; purchase of remounts, £70. Vote 7: Provisions, forage, fuel and light, Colonial allowances, &c., £54,910; clothing, £15,750.

Vote 8: Wages, Army Ordnance Department, £3,700. Vote 10: Engineer Services, &c., £4,368;

works and buildings, £29,350;

land purchases and rents payable, £170; gross total, £33,888. Deducts receivable, &c., £450; net total, £33,438. Vote 11: Miscellaneous Services, £2,620. Total estimated expenditure, £297,400. Military contribution by Local Government to Army Funds, £118,000 (£111,000).

CANTON'S DOCKS.**IMPROVEMENTS CONTEMPLATED.**

[THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT.]

Canton, April 22.

The ship yard at Whampoa has been established for a long time, but owing, it is said, to mismanagement, it is lying idle. It is reported that H.E. the Canton Viceroy has taken into consideration the number of government vessels undergoing repairs at Hongkong every year, and has arrived at the conclusion that it would be more economical to have all the repairs done at Whampoa.

His Excellency has decided to make general improvements in the shipyard at Whampoa, and also to appoint a special deputy in charge of the ship yard. In future all government vessels, gunboats, destroyers, cruisers, and vessels for detecting purposes must go to Whampoa ship yard for repairs. His Excellency has accordingly instructed the naval authorities of the above.

KULANGSU(AMOY) MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Canton, April 26.

A meeting of the above Council was held on April 4th, when Mr. W. Wilson presided. Those present included Revd. G. M. Wales, Mr. H. B. Pike, Lim Nee Kar, the Health Officer and the secretary.

A letter was read from Mr. F. Graham Kell resigning his seat on the Council on his departure from the port. His resignation was accepted with regret, and on the motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Pike, it was resolved to invite Mr. J. S. Fenwick to fill the vacancy.

An application from the Committee of the Temple for permission to hold their annual festival and procession was granted.

The Secretary reported that the depth sank at the artesian well to the 3rd inst., was 120 feet 11 inches.

Mr. Pike tendered his resignation as a member of the Council owing to his transfer from Amoy, which was accepted with regret. It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Pike, to invite Mr. W. H. Wallace to fill the vacancy.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR AND THE VOLUNTEERS.

[THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT.]

Canton, April 26.

His Excellency the Governor, speaking at the Hongkong Volunteer Corps dinner on Saturday evening, said that he was glad they had increased their strength, by 30 or 40, due primarily to the public spirit shown by Mr. Ross, and he was sure that the Scouts would be one of the most useful branches of the Hongkong Volunteers. Owing largely to the efforts of Sir Henry May and Mr. Wakeman, the sister corps of Reserves had been put on a better footing than before, and he hoped, and believed, that they would in time be a genuine auxiliary to the volunteers. He was glad to find his name in the Army List as Colonel of the Corps because it was a smart one, and he would like to see it numerically strong enough to form a battalion.

He wanted particularly to congratulate those who had won success in the campaign against this drug can be attained. His Excellency has, in accordance with arrangements made for a gradual decrease in the import of foreign opium every year, made a return of the foreign opium imported into Canton this year, and suggested some restrictive measures in a despatch to the Board of Foreign Affairs for enforcement. Although the suggested restrictions to be placed on the trade of opium have not been made known, a rumour has it that the import duty on this drug will be considerably increased. Ever since last Saturday, the firms dealing in opium at your end, have been shipping many chests of this drug to Canton, Swatow, Amoy and Shanghai, from Hongkong. It is generally supposed that the influx of such a big quantity into the ports has been caused by the credence placed in the rumour anent the increase in the import duty on foreign opium.

Similar instructions have been sent to the deputies in charge of the lokin stations.

His Excellency has, at the same time, instructed the junior officials, civil and military, throughout the province to keep a sharp look out for desperadoes, in order to prevent them from communicating with the revolutionists.

H.E. Admiral Li Chun has likewise instructed the commanders of gun-boats, and other government vessels to make search for smuggled arms and ammunition.

Ho watched the progress of the compositions in the newspapers with great interest. They had with them that evening the Contingent for the Coronation. They all knew that they would wish to represent the Corps as they would wish it to be represented. Ho dared say they all wished that the Contingent could have been stronger, and he was sure that if it could have been stronger the Colony would have gladly paid the extra expense. But the Colony in this matter had to fall in with the views of the authorities at Home, who had limited the numbers for Imperial reasons, because the Coronation arrangements were on a large scale, and every Colony in the Empire would be represented. The Hongkong Volunteer contingent was made up of men of long service who would worthily represent the Corps. He asked them to drink good luck to them, a pleasant passage and a safe return.

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SUPREME COURT.**THE BANKRUPTCY CASE.**

The case of Lai Chung, which has occupied the attention of the Chief Justice, Sir Francis Pigott, for over two days, was resumed Friday morning. It will be remembered that the case concerned various charges under the Bankruptcy Ordinance, and this morning's hearing was fully taken up by legal argument. The case is the first brought under one section of the Bankruptcy Ordinance, a section which does not appear, so said Mr. Potter, in the Home acts, the Indian Penal Code or the Straits Settlements Ordinances, and the lengthy argument centred round the meaning of "available assets" and the application of the section under which the fifth count of the charge was brought.

His Lordship came to the conclusion that available assets were assets with which the trustee in bankruptcy could deal and they must exclude altogether any item of realization. He therefore held that the fifth section of the indictment was not sustained.

His Lordship—Again I might say that it was quite right to bring the prosecution.

Mr. Alabaster—And under this section too.

His Lordship—Yes undoubtedly.

With regard to the question of the entry relating to the entry of the receipt of a draft of \$1000, in which the date had been altered, His Lordship said he could not send a man to prison on hypothesis, and pointed out that he had not the draft produced in court.

The jury acting on His Lordship's direction found the prisoner not guilty on all counts.

NO CONTRACT FOR HONGKONG.**NEW BOAT FOR MANILA.**

The contract for the furnishing of an inter-island transport to the Army, for which bids were opened last week, was awarded by the chief quartermaster of the division, Colonel F. G. Hodgson, to the Shanghai dock and engineering company, of Shanghai, China.

Upon considering the different tenders received it was found that the Shanghai company was the lowest bidder. The Tukoo company of Hongkong had furnished a lower bid but in the estimation of the chief quartermaster its offer did not otherwise compare favourably with the Shanghai company's and it also wanted one month more time in which to build and deliver the boat.

The bids offered were as follows: Hongkong and Whampoa dock company, \$347,625; Shanghai dock and engineering company, \$314,000; and Taikoo dockyard and engineering company, \$310,700.25. The boat is to be 300 feet over all; 45 feet breadth; and 80 feet depth. The Shanghai company will deliver the ship in Manila bay in 12 months time.

RECORD CARGO.**FIFTEEN THOUSAND BALES OF PHILIPPINE HEMP.**

The s.s. Suverie, which arrived at Manila on April 21, will take from the Philippine port a record cargo.

She is loading for the Bank line no less than fifteen thousand bales of hemp, while 1,500 barrels of cement will be taken aboard here.

The Suverie discharged 10,500 tons of cargo on her voyage south to Manila, Yokohama, Kobe, Moji and Shanghai. At Yokohama in one and half days 500,000 feet of lumber and 4,000 tons of wheat were discharged into small lighters; at Moji several heavy weights were unloaded; and at Shanghai in two and half days 200,000 sacks of flour were discharged on the piers.

FINANCIAL NEWS.**SHANGHAI SHARES.**

Shanghai, April 24. Matschappi, etc., in Langkat, £1. Tls. 100 cash. Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Co., Ltd. Tls. 85 cash. Cheng Rubber Tls. 3 1/2 cash. Consolidated Rubber Tls. 4 cash. Anglo-Java Estates, Ltd. Tls. 6 1/2 cash. Shanghai Ice Co. S. & R. Co., Ltd. Tls. 12 1/2 cash. Shanghai Gas Co., Ltd. Tls. 105 cash, and 6 per cent. debentures 1000 at Tls. 104 cash. Shanghai Mutual Telephone Tls. 65 cash.

THE CHINESE BOYCOTT.**AGAINST JAPANESE STEAMERS.****LIMITED TO THE AUSTRALIAN TRADE.**

Referring to articles which have appeared in Australian papers, stating that the Chinese boycott of the Japanese steamers had now terminated, that several passengers had booked at Hongkong for Australia, and that a large quantity of Chinese cargo was "also coming," Colonel Burns, of Sydney, in an interview said:

"This would clearly indicate that as far as Hongkong is concerned the boycott had terminated. According to later advices, however, it appears that the Chinese merchants in Sydney have not yet been made acquainted with the fact that practically any boycott against the Japanese by Chinese traders had ceased to exist. Further advices received show clearly that as far as inter-communication between China and Japan is concerned the Nippon Yusen Kaisha and other Japanese companies are getting a large share of the Chinese patronage both as regards passengers and cargo also there seems to be no embargo upon either Chinese passengers or cargo travelling by Japanese steamers to any part of the world excepting Australia."

Information has just been received that no less than 110 passengers and upwards of 100 tons of cargo had been shipped by the Inaba Maru, Japanese steamer, sailing from Hongkong for America, and it is a well-known fact that to all places except to Australia there appears to be perfect freedom as far as Chinese traders and others are concerned as to shipping by Japanese steamers. The Nippon Yusen Kaisha recently cabled, asking whether there was any reason or any ulterior action in Sydney or Australia which was regarding the Chinese here from following the usage of Chinese in Hongkong and other parts of the world.

"The Japanese authorities seem to be desirous that anything in the shape of a boycott, even nominally, should be removed, as there is no pretext for maintaining any strained relationship between the two countries. It would seem somewhat strange that it is apparently in Sydney that the boycott is now centred, having disappeared elsewhere, but it is anticipated that before many weeks expire a better feeling will exist, and that any local vestige of a desire to continue strained relationships, will be altogether abandoned.

"There is no doubt that in the near future a great expansion of trade will take place as between Australia and the East. The steamers of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha are now overcrowded with cargo, and cannot take many heavy lines which are offering. As far as European passengers are concerned, the N.Y.K. steamers are usually full at this season of the year, and although the directors of the company in Tokyo are anxious to have a pronouncement that any boycott ceases, it is more from a desire to be in sympathy with their neighbours than to attempt to take any large share of the traffic. The Nippon Yusen Kaisha is in a very independent position, from having to a great extent the preference of Japanese cargo and passengers, and with the absolute removal of the boycott as far as Australia is concerned, there are years of good trade as between the whole of the companies at present engaged in the trade. Proposals have been made that the Nippon Yusen Kaisha should quote lower rates in order to tempt the Chinese to book by their steamers, and to some extent this has been followed, but any action which would create what might become a permanent depreciation of freight or passage rates amongst the Eastern lines is to be deprecated.

"The local agents of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha have always maintained the most pleasant relationship with Chinese exporters and others in Sydney. The chief exporters express a strong desire to be able to resume friendly bookings through Japanese lines. From this good augury it would appear that before long it is possible the whole of the Eastern lines will again work co-operatively in both the Chinese and Japanese trades, as was done previous to the present Chinese boycott."

GENERAL ANDERSON IN SHANGHAI.**PRESS COMMENT.**

Never in the whole course of its existence, probably, has the S.V.C. shown to better effect than it did on Saturday last when the ceremonial portion of the inspection by Maj.-Gen. Anderson took place on the Polo Ground. The weather was superb: one of those semi-sunny days transplanted to spring which Shanghai delights in when the weather bureau is specially complaisant. Many of the crowd of ladies and gentlemen who had assembled to watch the function were in spring attire, and the scene was at once stimulating and delightful. On the drill there is no need here to dilate. A detailed account will be found in another column. But it was very evident that the most had been made of the fine weather which has prevailed for the past fortnight nearly. We never saw the Corps as a whole in better fettle. The Light Horse took the opportunity of going through a few simple evolutions before the others arrived, and very business-like they looked. They went past well at the walk, trot, and gallop, and the only fault we have to find with them is that they are not numerous enough. There are no more of them than there were a quarter of a century ago and the settlement has more than trebled in the time. The Artillery have been exceptionally good during the past three or four years, and maintain their pre-eminence. What Shanghai would have done had serious trouble arisen before she had mounted infantry, machine-guns, and engineers, Heaven only knows. Any one who knows the conditions of the place now can see that at present they are indispensable, and their marked efficiency on Saturday was a welcome sight. Of the infantry the most curious thing is that the companies never grow any bigger. Several of them are certainly too small, we mean, for the highest standard of efficiency, and for this reason, if for no other, they should strain every nerve to gain recruits. The battalion is far bigger than it used to be, but the growth is in units, and not in increase to particular companies. We can remember the time when there were but two companies, when indeed, for a short time, there was but one. Now there are eight without counting the Reserve Co. They all went past in fair order on Saturday, none slovenly, none with mechanical perfection. That, however, except for its tale of discipline and hard work, means little. Gen. Anderson made a typically soldier-like speech—volume in three sentences. He had seen the Corps at work: he had formed the opinion that they meant to make themselves efficient for anything they might have to do: and he wished there were more of them. Nothing could have been better, more to the point, or more deserved. It found its echo in the minds of all who heard it.—"Shanghai Mercury."

THE SITUATION IN MANCHURIA AND MONGOLIA.

Reports from Manchuria say that while the Russians are increasing their troops in North Manchuria the Japanese are storing up ammunition in the South, and the situation is most critical and dangerous. The other day the Russians actually detained consignments of arms sent by the Chinese Government to Hellung-kiang and imprisoned the officer escorting the same.

H. E. Hsi Liang has wired to the Government that the Japanese often refuse to pay duty on their goods in Manchuria and asked that representations be made to the Japanese Minister in Peking.

The Imperial Agent in Kurian has telegraphed to the Grand Council to report that the conduct of the Russians in the places under his jurisdiction has undergone no change whatever since the settlement of their recent dispute with China. Mongolia is in great danger and that the Russian Minister in Peking should be requested to put a stop to the present state of affairs at once.

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MANCHU STREET ATTACKED.**RISING TOOK PLACE TWENTY-FOUR HOURS TOO SOON.****MAILS STOPPED FROM HONGKONG.**

The revolutionary rising at Canton took place twenty-four hours too soon.

It was timed for to-morrow, and a large number of supporters of the movement were leaving Hongkong and surrounding districts to take part. Each man was to wear a white band across his forehead, and had been provided with a small sum of money.

The Yamen was to be the centre of attack; but it would appear that the concerted movement has been spoiled, happily, by the sudden action of the comparatively small body who fired the Yamen.

Nevertheless, the rising is serious. Manchu Street, Canton, has been fiercely attacked by the rioters, or revolutionaries, and a great deal of damage has been done. In this street live the smaller Manchu officials, the yamen runners, and minor "hangars-on."

The General Post Office here has been notified by the Canton-Macao Steamship Company that no boats will leave for the Shamen at least to-day. No mails therefore are going to Canton. The telegraph also is congested.

A representative of the "Telegraph," in conversation with a local European official, learned that the rising is regarded with a good deal of trepidation by those in authority. "But," said he, "if this outbreak is scuttled China will have peace for several years to come."

"The revolutionists" ho-continued, "are determined, but they lack arms and ammunition. Had they attacked the arsenal first and succeeded in obtaining the needed supplies, the "Fiery Cross" would have spread throughout the Southern Provinces of China and then to the North, and the T'ing rebellion, but on a larger scale, would be reproduced.

"There is no doubt that the rising is a determined attempt upon the power of the Manchu, and it will need very strong measures indeed to prevent it being the signal for a general insurrection.

"I do not think that Europeans are in any danger. The revolutionaries are wise enough and sufficiently well led to know that the slightest interference with foreigners will bring to the aid of their enemies, the Manchus, the forces of the Powers. If assaults are made on Europeans they will be the work of common rioters.

"It is impossible to say how well or badly armed are the main forces of the Ka Ming Tang. The promontory outbreak leaves us in the dark. It remains to be seen whether those in supreme command will judge the moment propitious or not. Strong measures by the Viceroy will kill this rebellion. If not taken the country will be afame."

The Viceroy of Yunnan has wired to the Shanghai and Kiu-kiang Tactio to the effect that just as the British troops are withdrawing from Pienmu rumours are being circulated throughout his province that Sun Wen has ordered some of his followers to join the British forces and the people are in a state of great alarm.

He has heard that two members of the Revolutionary Party, a

Cantonese by the name of Pang

Chu-sheng and an Anhui man

called Hung Chang-chuan, have

secretly entered Shanghai and

Kiu-kiang for the purpose of buying

bombs and sulphur to be sent

to Yunnan to blow up the Modern

Army. He therefore requests

that the Customs authorities be

asked to make careful and secret

searches for such articles. A

telegram says that a large num-

ber of revolutionaries have arrived

there with up-to-date weapons for

the purpose of raising a rebellion.

The officials are much alarmed.

The "Quarterly Review" evi-

dently thinks that it would be for

our interest that she should.

"Through the re-enforcement

of Chin's authority over Tibet

we have a responsible Power to

deal with, and we shall forego our

rights if we do not press for the

observance of the Conventions,

and for facilities for intercourse

and trade. What is wanted in

Lhasa is a settled Government,

not hostile to Great Britain. It

is more easy in some ways to

bring pressure to bear at Peking

than at Lhasa; and a Government

with which we have had trade

relations of growing importance

for over seventy years may

be more willing to place our

commercial connections with

Tibet on a satisfactory footing

than was the benighted monkish

camarilla which now seems to be

approaching its end."

A motor car Thursay lay about

5.45 p.m. knocked down a

Chinese boy in D'Aguilar Street,

Fortunately the boy escaped with

a few bruises.

COLLISION AT SEA.**MEIFOO SUNK.**

A few hours after the news was received of the accident to the P.M.S. Asia, information was received in Shanghai that a serious and fatal collision had occurred within a hundred miles of Shanghai between the China Merchants' steamer Meifoo and Kwanglee, and had resulted in the sinking of the Meifoo and loss of a large number of lives. The news was confirmed on the arrival of the Kwanglee, which had returned to port from the scene of the collision and had brought back the survivors.

The O.M.S. Meifoo left Amoy for Shanghai on the evening of the 20th instant, with a general cargo and a large number of Chinese passengers, and met with fair weather until midnight on Friday, when a dense fog was encountered. All necessary precautions having been taken, the vessel held to her course until at six o'clock on Saturday morning the fog became so dense that she had to drop anchor at a place which was afterwards ascertained to be in the vicinity of Tongting. On Sunday afternoon the fog lifted slightly, and the Meifoo weighed anchor and proceeded on her voyage; but after clearing Steep Island Pass, the fog again became dense and anchor was dropped off Elgar Island, about eighty miles from Woosung. About half-past five o'clock the same evening, while the Meifoo was still lying at anchor, a steamer, which was shortly afterwards ascertained to be the Kwanglee, appeared from the fog and before anything could be done to avert a collision the bow of the Kwanglee struck the Meifoo right amidships and tore a large hole in her side, with the result that the Meifoo sank within very few minutes in fifteen fathoms of water. The officers and crews of the two steamers did all in their power to save the lives of the passengers and members of the crew of the Meifoo who were in the water, but so sudden had been the catastrophe that little could be done. Though only one life-boat could be launched many lives were lost, with the result that the Meifoo sank within very few minutes in fifteen fathoms of water. The officers and crews of the two steamers did all in their power to save the lives of the passengers and members of the crew of the Meifoo who were in the water, but so sudden had been the catastrophe that little could be done. Though only one life-boat could be launched many lives were lost, with the result that the Meifoo sank within very few minutes in fifteen fathoms of water. The officers and crews of the two steamers did all in their power to save the lives of the passengers and members of the crew of the Meifoo who were in the water, but so sudden had been the catastrophe that little could be done. Though only one life-boat could be launched many lives were lost, with the result that the Meifoo sank within very few minutes in fifteen fathoms of water. The officers and crews of the two steamers did all in their power to save the lives of the passengers and members of the crew of the Meifoo who were in the water, but so sudden had been the catastrophe that little could be done. Though only one life-boat could be launched many lives were lost, with the result that the Meifoo sank within very few minutes in fifteen fathoms of water. The officers and crews of the two steamers did all in their power to save the lives of the passengers

A BANKRUPT'S BOOKS.**SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS OF FALSIFICATION.**

The Chief Justice and a jury continued the hearing Thursday morning of the case brought against Lam Chung. It will be remembered that he was charged on four counts of falsification of books with intent to defraud his creditors, and a fifth, that his assets did not amount to 25 per cent of his liabilities. Mr. Alabaster, acting Attorney General, prosecuted on behalf of the Crown and Mr. Potter defended.

After some interposed evidence as to the payment of \$1,000 by the International Bank, Mr. Potter continued his cross-examination of Mr. Fletcher, deputy official receiver.

In reply to a question, the witness said he thought the prisoner's cash book had been destroyed and prisoner had tried to compile another from the ledger. His reason for this was that in many instances, where the ledger was right, the cashbook was wrong. This could not have been the case if the ledger had been compiled from the cashbook in the ordinary way.

Mr. Potter—What you have said is that the prisoner has falsified his books; has created new ones in order to conceal his affairs?—I think he has.

Pause a moment. You have not charged him with making new books in order to conceal his affairs?—The official receiver has to take the course advised by the attorney general.

The Chief Justice—It is not Mr. Fletcher at all.

Mr. Potter—As a matter of fact did you not draw up the charge which was made at the police court?—I helped to draw them up.

Why did you not charge the man with faking his books?—There are a number of charges and the fifth is very comprehensive. If he has been dishonest he will be punished for that.

You will drop the serious charge of faking books?—It was never made.

The Court interpreter deposed that the entry of interest in the Fuk Ling Lung account had been corrected.

Lung How Chang, a creditor, said he had examined defendant's books and found a great many mistakes and corrections. A great amount of detailed evidence regarding various entries was adduced by Mr. Alabaster.

In answer to Mr. Potter the Chief Justice intimated his intention of sitting in the case to-morrow morning.

Cross-examined by Mr. Potter witness said other creditors too were willing to prosecute defendant.

Mr. Potter—Do you make alterations in your books. Yes, but not in the same way.—Am I right in understanding that some one deliberately made a false entry?—Well, he altered the ledger to correspond with the cash book.—Look at the cash book; you will see that the entry in the ledger does not correspond with the cash book.—Well, the only thing that does not agree is one thing says "cheque" and the other "goods."—Does the date differ? Oh well, all accounts vary more or less a few days (laughter).—In your opinion there is not much difference between the cash book and ledger?—Well they vary a few days but not so much as in the case in question.

A HONGKONG LOVE IDYLL.**DID IT COME OFF?**

In the course of a day's work the average journalist comes across much tragedy and comedy, but rarely does his chance upon documents so pregnant with feeling as the one set out below. It was found in one of the principal hotels in the Colony. Though lacking in punctuation, the spirit of the thing is there, and we make no apology for inserting the interesting screed, for, as the poet puts it, "one touch of nature makes the whole world kin."

The following is the lover's evident epistle:

12; 45 p.m.

Yes, you again before me, so where? I can say from you entirely

THE PLAGUE.**RAGING NEAR CANTON.**

[THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT.]

As I have already reported, plague at Lai Chow has not abated but on the other hand is clarifying a great number of lives.

The family of the Lai Chow prefect have now returned from the prefecture. According to them, there has been over 3000 deaths. Even in broad daylight the streets are deserted. In the prefect's ramen, seven lives have been lost. The fourth son of the prefect succumbed to the disease seven days after his marriage.

At present the ramen is unoccupied, and the prefect is taking up his quarters in the gunboat Liu Wei, while his family has returned to Canton.

In two infected villages, there is not a single living soul, all having succumbed to the scourge.

BIG TOURING PARTY.**250 FROM ENGLAND TO VISIT THE EAST.**

In February next 250 British tourists will arrive at Hongkong. They will arrive about the first of the month.

The party has chartered the Dunottar Castle, of the Union Castle Steamship line, and will leave Southampton in October of this year.

The party travel via Suez and intend staying over in India and the Straits Settlements for some time.

The tourists expect to reach Manila on February 5. They are the first large body from the British Isles to visit the Islands.

JAPANESE IN CHINESE GOVERNMENT SERVICE.

We learn from a Tientsin message to the "Mainichi" that several Japanese in the Chinese Government service have recently been dismissed. At one time there were over fifty Japanese teachers and advisers to the Chinese authorities in Tientsin, says the dispatch, but now only some ten remain in the service. Recent dismissals comprise Army Surgeon Hiraga, adviser to the Chinese army; Mr. Miura, adviser to the police; Mr. Sano, a teacher in the Army. On Friday, the 7th instant, the Japanese residents in Tientsin gave a farewell dinner in honour of those named, who are to leave Tientsin shortly.

LAWN TENNIS.

Further games of tennis were played on the Cricket Club ground in connection with the tournament, and resulted as follows:

Event "A" Championship. Capt. Brierley beat Capt. Addison, 6-1 : 6-4 : 6-3.

S. E. Green beat P. H. Hancock, 6-2 : 6-3 : 6-2.

Event "B" Single Handicap "A" Class.

E. R. Halifax (owes 30) beat A. C. E. Elborough (owes 15), 6-4 : 7-5.

H. Hancock (owes 30) beat A. N. Joscelyn (owes 15.2), 6-3 : 6-2.

Doubles Handicap "A" Class. K. and H. Hancock (owe 40) beat H. Humphreys and P. H. Klemencic (owe 30.4), 6-4 : 6-2.

Doubles Handicap "B" Class. Liout Attwood and Liout Anthonio (owe 15) beat A. P. H. Ronqueto and G. A. Cooke (owe 15), 7-5 : 6-4 : 5-7 : 6-3. Thus winning this event.

RACQUETS.

Event "C" Double Handicap. L. C. R. T. Thorp and Capt. H. K. Hughes (rec. 7) beat Lt. F. W. Glud and Lt. O. T. H. White (rec. 9) 48-27.

Further games of tennis were played on the Cricket Club ground in connection with the Hongkong Cricket Club tournament, and resulted as follows:

Event "A" Championship.

S. E. Green beat I. M. Palmer, R. N., 6-0 : 6-3 : 6-0.

Liout Day, K. O. Y. L. I., beat C. T. Hoso, 6-0 : 6-0 : 6-1.

Doubles Handicap "A" class.

G. A. Hastings and Liout Day, K. O. Y. L. I. (owes 30.4) scratchet to J. Hooper and P. R. Wolf (scratch).

R. and H. Hancock (owes 40) beat R. E. O. Bird and P. P. J. Wodehouse (scratch), 6-4 : 6-3.

Mr. B. L. Simpson, better known by his nom de plume Putnam Wolfe, arrived at Seoul on the 12th inst.

12; 45 p.m.

Yes, you again before me, so where? I can say from you entirely

THE CHINESE ABROAD.**PEACEFUL, LAW-ABIDING AND LABORIOUS.****HONGKONG DAY BY DAY.**

The German gunboat Iltis left Shanghai on the 17th inst.

The half-yearly meeting of the Jockey Club took place to-day.

It appears that 90 lives were lost in the Mactoo and Kwangtung collision.

Capt. Marabal, of the Canton line, left for Europe by the French Mail.

On Monday, the Hon. Mr. E. Osborne leaves for Home, via Siberia, for a holiday.

The Mongolian took away from Manila more souvenirs than any vessel of recent sailing.

Bishop Oldham will return for an inspection to the Philippines next October or November.

Mrs. Francis Clark and Miss H. Clark, wife and daughter of the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Clark, left Hongkong Friday on the s.s. Asia.

Mr. William Samuel Brown acts as Secretary of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, during the absence of the Hon. Mr. Edward Osborne.

Mr. F. Grove, the managing engineer of the Canton-Kowloon Railway, accompanied by Mrs. Grove, left by the Kamo Maru for a holiday in England.

Mr. Thomas J. O'Brien, United States Ambassador in Tokio, is to be transferred to Berlin, and Mr. Wilson, Assistant Secretary of State, is coming to Tokio.

The last mail from home brings the sad news of the death of Mr. John Keddie Wilkie who, for many years, was well-known in engineering circles throughout the F.M.S. and the Straits. He first came to the East, from Dundee, as far back as 1882.

We learn that Mr. W. F. Mitchell, who was for many years in Yokohama as manager of Messrs. Samuel Samuel & Co., and who has many friends among the Japanese, has been appointed a director of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China, and is expected to arrive shortly in Japan by the Siberian Railway.

He will take up his post at Yokohama as general manager of the bank for the Far East.

The telegraph office in Canton

has hitherto been closed at night,

but instructions have now been received from the Board of Posts and Communications to keep the office open day and night for the receipt and despatch of telegrams.

That the mountain pastures of

the Philippines offer a splendid

opportunity for stock raising is

the opinion of Prof. C. V. Piper,

forage export who recently arrived

in the islands to aid the bureau

of agriculture in its solution of

the problem of raising forage to

supply native cattle.

"China awake and at work" is

very vividly described by Clarence

Poe, in the "American Review of

Review," who announces that

within eighteen months China

will have a Parliament or a revo-

lution. He urges all American

teachers, ministers and writers to

help in supplying the moral

guidance needed.

A branch of the Communication

Bank was started in Singapore

last year to facilitate the Chinese

residents in remitting and trans-

ferring money to their mother

country. In view of the dense

population of Chinese residents

in Borneo, the Malaya States, &c.,

branches of the Communication

Bank will be established in all

those places shortly.

Shortly after midnight Friday

morning, P.C. John O'Kille was

the victim of a sad accident. It

appears that the unfortunate

policeman was travelling on board

a tram-car, and, to the best of his

recollection, he fell into a fainting

fit through some cause or other.

Soon after the unfortunate occur-

rence, he was placed on a stretcher

and removed in a serious condition

to the Government Civil Hospital,

where he is now receiving every

medical attention. The victim's

forehead is badly injured.

A collision which might well

have had fatal results, occurred

at Bangkok in front of Messrs.

Windsor and Co.'s wharf, a few

days ago, between the small

motor launch owned by the Pilot

Company, and a larger steam

launch belonging to the R. R.

Department. The pilot's launch

was split in two and immediately

commenced to fill. Capt. Rees

and the two Siamese who com-

prised the crew, at once took to

the water and were with some

difficulty taken on board the Rail-

way launch. One of the crew,

who was unable to swim, was in

an exhausted state when rescued.

The damaged launch, half sub-

merged, was left to drift down

the river.

A coolie had three months' hard

labour and six hours' stocks for

housebreaking in To-Wa-Wan,

Hung-hong district.